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The Consultations and Diary Book of Richard Benyon Esqr. President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George containing their proceedings and transactions in the affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies relating to the Presidency on the Coast of Choromandell. Began January 1st. 1740/41.

2d. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 30th ultimo.

CONSULTATIONS, SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

The President reads the cash account for last month; ballance remaining now compared with the cash chests, eighty one thousand four hundred and forty current pagodas, fourteen fanams and forty eight cash (81,440–14–48), and three hundred forty seven (347) Madrass pagodas.

Agreed that four thousand (4000) pagodas be advanced the Paymaster for defraying the charges of the running month.

General letter No. 1, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 30th ultimo read, desiring us to send the stores they wrote for by the Europe ship we intend thither to fill up for Europe, inclosing a detail of their garrison and disposition of their military, requesting some Portugueze gunners and lascars, and our sentiments concerning their withdrawing their outguards; advising that they cannot yet get the sloop *Carolina* over the bar of their river, and that they expect to have about nine hundred (90) bales ready in ten days' time.

The said letter being taken into consideration the Board are of opinion that the outguards ought to be maintained so long as the Deputy Governour and Council apprehend that only small straggling parties of the Moratta horse will come near them, still flattering ourselves with the hopes that the grand army has no design upon the European settlements, but if contrary thereto they should have cause to suspect any designs in the Generals to attack the place with such a force as the outguards cannot probably defend themselves against, we think in such case the outguards ought to be withdrawn, care being taken to nail up the cannon.

The following Company's servants attending pursuant to order of the 29th ultimo deliver in their respective covenants executed and having taken the oath prescribed by our Hon'ble masters nominate for their securities the persons whose nam es are set against theirs:—

Mr. Samuel Greenhaugh, Factor ...	Mr. Heron Hart. William Jennings Esqr.
Mr. Charles Boddam, Writer ...	Capt. Charles Boddam. Mr. Heron Hart.

Mr. John Hallyburton, Writer... ...	John Drummond. Andrew Drummond.
Mr. Henry Powney, Writer	Capt. Thomas Hall. Mr. William Wood.
Mr. George Pigot, Writer	Robert Pigot. Hugh Pigot.
Mr. Alexander Wynch, Writer ...	Mr. William Wynch, who he hopes will be able to engage some other person to stand with him in England, from whence he came so young as to have no acquaintance there of whom to ask that favour.

Five sets of bills of exchange signed of this date, drawn on the Court of Directors at ninety days' sight on the following accounts and payable vizt. :—

Set		£	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
1	To Judah Supino and Son or order ...	16	14	5	43	22	31
1	To ditto ...	28	4	1	73	21	14
2	sets value of Randall and Edward Fowke	44	18	6	117	7	45
	For Company's servants &ca. at 7*s.* 8*d.* per pagoda—						
1	To Charles Benyon or order value of Randall Fowke	100	0	0	260	31	24
1	To Alexander and George Ouchterlony or order value of Robert Douglas ...	133	12	9	348	22	22
2	sets	233	12	9	609	17	46
	For free merchants &ca. at 7*s.* 4*d.* per pagoda—						
1	To Capt. John Walsh or order value of Richard Benyon and Robert Douglas ...	721	19	8	1,969	2	0
2	sets for coral brought forward	44	18	6	117	7	45
In all 5	sets amounting to	1,000	10	11	2,695	27	11

One thousand pounds ten shillings and eleven pence sterling or two thousand six hundred ninety five pagodas twenty seven fanams and eleven cash which sum is now paid in and the prescribed oaths respectively taken.

The Accountant delivers in for England a copy of the general books letter O O ending the 30th April last which are now signed.

He delivers in also, as now read and entered hereafter his annual report of the encrease and decrease of the expences and revenues of this presidency and it's subordinates for the year ending the 30th April last, except of Vizagapatam and Madepollam from whence we have not yet received their books.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board the state of the receipts, issues and remains of stores from 1st December 1739 to 30th November 1740, in order for forming the indent for the year 1742.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE— WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1740.

Madras pagodas	Dr.	Per contra	Cr.
1 To ballance brought from last month's account	347	31st. By ballance, carried to next month's accounts	347

Errors Excepted
per
RICHARD BENYON.

The Hon'ble United Company's Cash Dr.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
1st. To ballançe brought from last month's account	46,301	21	5
18. To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received in fanams the sum of	5,668	0	0
To Gopaul Chittee, received of his father Custoora Chittee in further part of his debt	1,803	6	0
To bills of exchange, received on account of Monsr. Dumas for one set of this date, in four bills drawn on the Court of Directors payable at ninety days' sight and 7 s. 4 d. per pagoda to Monsieur Dumas, Knight of the Order of St. Michael or his order for £ Sterling. 3,666-13-4 or ...	10,000	0	0
20. To Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, received in part the ballance of that account for last month	5,000	0	0
22. To William Monson, Land Customer, received the ballance of that account for last month	259	30	35
24. To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received in part the ballance of that account for last month	10,000	0	0
29. To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received in part for the silver last sold	6,000	0	0
To Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chittee received one month's rent of the betle and tobacco farm due the 5th instant	833	12	0
To Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence received 1 month's rent due the 5th instant	335	0	0
31. To Gopaul Chittee, received of his father Custoora Chittee in full of his debt	1,389	13	42
To Mannawaucum Chintomby and Pigue Nella Chittee renters of Egmore &ca. villages, received 1 year's rent due 1st July last	1,450	0	0
Current Pagodas ...	89,040	11	2

Errors Excepted per
RICHARD BENYON.

Per Contra Cr.	Pags.	fns.	c.
1st By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, advanced him for the running month ...	3,500	0	0
18. By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, advanced him more for the charges of the running month	1,000	0	0
24. By Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, advanced him for the painters	1,000	0	0
29. By Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, advanced him for washers &ca	1,000	0	0
29. By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, paid him the ballance of that account for last month	346	2	74
By George Torriano, Storekeeper, advanced him	600	0	0
By account presents, paid the amount of one made to Imaum Sahib's children by order of Consultation of the 18th instant	153	29	40
	7,599	32	34
31. By ballance carried to next month's account	81,440	14	48
Current Pagodas ...	89,040	11	2

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs,

Accordance to a standing order from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors, I now lay before you a state of the expences and revenues of this settlement and it's subordinates on this coast for the last year compared with those of the former,

by which your honour &ca. may judge of the proper directions to be given in relation thereto.—

EXPENCES OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Ending.	April 1739.	April 1740.	Increase.	Decrease.
Charges garrison	17,180 5 20	18,624 28 52	1,444 20 32	...
Charges diet	7,000 0 0	7,000 0 0	...	...
Charges cattle	800 0 0	800 0 0	...	...
Charges hospital ...	1,114 29 0	1,284 25 58	169 32 58	...
Charges extraordinary ...	1,063 24 70	696 19 5	...	367 5 65
Repairs ...	1,408 11 45	1,041 25 20	...	366 22 25
Account presents	1,237 9 51	448 3 0	...	789 6 51
Account salary	3,317 14 6	3,315 8 26	...	2 5 60
Charges general	5,606 24 77	7,628 16 24	2,021 27 27	...
The annual expence ...	38,728 11 29	40,839 18 25	3,636 11 37	1,525 4 41
Deduct the decrease from the increase.	...	...	1,525 4 41	...
The expences of this settlement are increased this year.	...	...	...	2,111 6 76

EXPENCES OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Ending.	April 1739.	April 1740.	Increase.	Decrease.
Charges garrison	13,390 21 40	13,639 14 66	248 29 26	...
Charges hospital	422 26 2	394 12 52	...	28 13 30
Repairs	1,026 4 12	1,986 33 64	960 29 52	...
Charges cattle	600 0 0	600 0 0	...	
Charges extraordinary ...	319 1 54	388 10 72	69 9 18	...
Charges diet	2,728 0 0	2,608 0 0	...	120 0 0
Account salary	771 10 54	739 29 26	...	31 17 28
Peons and servants' wages ...	2,713 8 0	3,097 32 46	384 24 46	...
Account presents	468 25 40	909 30 6	441 4 46	...
Charges general ...	2,689 14 58	3,089 26 46	400 11 68	...
	25,129 4 20	27,454 10 58	2,505 1 16	179 30 58
Deduct the decrease ...	...	...	179 30 58	...
The expences are increased this year	...	...	...	2,325 6 38

EXPENCES OF INGERAM.

Ending.	April 1739.	April 1740.	Increase.	Decrease.
Charges diet	184 0 0	184 0 0	...	...
Charges general	329 3 14	312 10 54	...	16 28 40
Charges merchandize ...	158 2 76	162 16 78	4 14 2	...
Charges extraordinary ...	263 23 30	249 13 33	...	14 9 77
Repairs	66 32 0	75 3 10	8 7 10	...
Servants' wages	620 0 0	620 0 0	...	...
Account presents	229 6 5	573 6 70	344 0 65	...
Account salary	14 12 0	133 0 0	88 24 0	...
	1,895 7 45	2,309 15 5	445 9 77	31 2 37
Deduct the decrease... ...	...	.	31 2 37	...
The expences at Ingeram are increased this year.	...	...	...	414 7 40

	Pags.	fns.	c.
The expences of Fort St. George are increased this year	2,111	6	76
Fort St. David Do.	2,325	6	38
Ingeram Do.	414	7	40
Total increase of this settlement and the above subordinate is ...	4,850	20	74

The reasons for an increase in the several heads are vizt.—

Fort St. George.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges garrison: by an addition to the military and gunroo mcrew at sundry times	1,444	23	32
Charges hospital: medicines more this year than the last Pags. 115–30–50, cloaths for the sick people 54–2–8	169	32	58
Charges general: a general repair of the gun and mortar carriages and making 20 wooden horses for the use of the powder house Pags. 1888–7–46, a new bell for the main guard, 42–30–20, increased in peons batta 87–6–78, sundry small disbursments 3–1[illegible]–43 ...	2,021	27	27
Pagodas ...	3,636	11	37

Fort St. David.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges garrison: by an addition of topasses and lascars, and Mr. Thomas Cooke, Junr., entertained as a monthly writer ...	248	29	26
Repairs, fitting the bastions, guard rooms and magazines, and cleaning the motes of the several out-guards together with a new back gate to the fort	960	29	52
Charges extraordinary: provisions to Mahomud Cawn's attendants Pags. 15, pay to a spy braminy at Porto Novo Pags. 17. cooly and batta on several occasions Pags. 37–9–18	69	9	18
Peons and servants' wages: by pay to 60 peons entered in the month of September and about 70 afterwards continued	384	24	46
Account presents: a present made to the Nabob's son Subdar Ally Cawn who came to Trividy near the bounds	441	4	46
Charges general: gunpowder used in sealing the guns, and a general repair of the gun carriages	430	11	68
Pagodas ...	2,505	1	16

Ingeram.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges merchandize: by freight paid on stores sent thither ...	4	14	2
Repairs: repairing Nellee Pellee godown	8	7	10
Account presents: by the Nabob visiting those parts	344	0	65
Account salary: six months salary due to Mr. John Graham in March last, and six months to the present Chief	88	24	0
Pagodas ...	445	9	77

Vizagapatam and Maddapollam.

As their books are not come up, no report can be made of the revenues and expences.

The revenues of this place and it's subordinates vizt.

	Pags. fns. c.	Pags. fns. c.	Increased.
Collected by the Sea Customer from 1st May 1738 to 30th April 1739		34,702 14 44	
Collected by the Sea Customer from 1st May 1739 to 30th April 1740		39,134 24 0	4,432 9 36
Collected by the Land Customer from 1st May 1738 to 30th April 1739	4,360 13 41		
Paid by the Company's merchants	2,586 9 36	6,946 22 77	
Collected by the Land Customer from 1st May 1739 to 30th April 1740	6,559 25 36		
Paid by the Company's merchants	656 34 76	7,216 24 32	270 1 35
Custom on coinage from 1st May 1738 to 30th April 1739		113 14 30	
Custom on coinage from 1st May 1739 to 30th April 1740		515 4 44	401 26 14
			5,104 1 5

Fort St. David.

The amount of their revenues from 1st May 1738 to 30th April 1739		11,098 14 14	
The amount of their revenues from 1st May 1739 to 30th April 1740		10,274 20 51	
	decreased.		823 29 43
Total increase in the revenues of this settlement and Fort St. David		Pags. ...	4,280 7 42

I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servant,

Fort St. George,
3rd January, 1740-41.

Randall Fowke,
Accountant.

[Jan.] 4. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 1st instant.

5. Arrived ship *Bon Voyage*, Coetano Fereira, from Pegue.

6. Arrived ship *Kent*, Robert Mylne, from Malacca.

Consultation, Tuesday, January 6, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

General letter No. 2, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 1st instant read, inclosing their monthly papers for November and cash account for last month, desiring a supply of cash and that a part of it may be in fanams.

As the *Prince William* will be ready to sail for Fort St. David to-morrow evening it is agreed to send on her thirty instead of twenty thousand pagodas, we before intended, to consist of twenty seven thousand (27,000) pagodas and three thousand (3,000) pagodas' worth of fanams.

For all occurrences respecting the loading and dispatching the *Prince William* it is agreed to referr the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David to the directions in our letters to them of the 8th January 1738–9 and 7th January 1739–40.

The Board being informed a ship is to leave Pondichery for France in few days it is agreed by her to advise our Hon'ble Masters of what has occurred relating to the arrival and departure of their ships since our last.

The accountant reads the journal parcels for the month of November.

The committee for the West Coast affairs deliver in their report as now read and entered hereafter, containing their remarks on the books and papers received from thence by the *George* and sloop *Carolina*, the consideration whereof it is agreed to deferr till the arrival of the *George*.

Petition of Mr. Edward Fowke read as entered hereafter desiring leave to go for England on the *Prince William* for the recovery of his health which is granted.

There being in the place one Robert Matthews, a sailor who run away from the *Durrington* and who has been for some time confined for attempting to murder a man, it is agreed to send him and Daniel Coxson the master of the *Nancy* to England on the *Hardwicke* as charterparty passengers.

Ordered that the Import Warehouse-keeper deliver two chests of silver into the mint to be coined into fanams.

The *Mercury* being intended for the Bay with the first southerly wind the several letters from thence of the 6th and 10th of last month were laid before the Board for their forming an answer thereto, and the request from thence to be supplied with all the treasure we can spare being considered, it is agreed that our stock of money being reduced so low by the remittances made thither and the little money paid in here for bills that we shall not have sufficient left to carry on our investment till the arrival of the next ships, and therefore cannot possibly send any supply to the Bay without taking up money at interest, which would be difficult in these troubled and unsettled times.

Agreed to desire the gentlemen in the Bay if they have any good flints in store, to supply us with as many as they can spare, we having very few here.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
WILLIAM MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honourable sir and sirs,

Having for these three or four years past suffered a great deal of pain from an ill state of health, and finding no benefit from the use of medicines, but that my disorders encrease on me: it is at length the advice of the physicians that a change of climate is most likely to restore me to my former health and, as I am now under a necessity of desiring to leave the Hon'ble Company's service, in order to take my passage for England on the *Prince William*, Capt. Langworth, I am to request your honour &ca. kind recommendations of me to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors, that if I should recover my health, so as to come to India again, I may hope to be reinstated, and return to my standing in their service.

I am, Honourable sir and sirs, Your most obedient servant,

Fort St. George, EDWARD FOWKE.
6th January, 1740–41.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

On perusing the letters and papers received from Fort Marlbro' by the ship *George* and sloop *Carolina* we find the gentlemen have so fully set forth every matter in their general letters that we have very little to offer to your honour &ca. at this time. Those few remarks we have made, we proceed to acquaint you with under the usual heads.

First, shipping.

The *Caroline* sloop being represented by her built to be unfit for the service of the coast they have returned her; the sloop *George* was condemned and broke up, and there now remain the *Fame*, *Hawk* and *Bonita* all out of repair. We are of opinion if two or three good Surat or Bombay built boats of fifteen or twenty tons, were sent thither it might save the Hon'ble Company a considerable expence, as such boats would be strong, lasting and cost less in repair, and be more fit for passing the Carang than any other, and by the time they can be built and sent them, the sloops they have at present (except the *Hawk*) will be worn out.

The *Somerset* arrived from Bengal with them the 13th January with three hundred tons of saltpetre which for the more expeditious dispatch they say of the *Marlbro'* was agreed to be continued on board the *Somerset*. The transporting part of the saltpetre on board the *Marlbro'* considering the demand in Europe, we beleive would have been more agreeable to the Company, as in cases of this nature they generally chuse to have the cargoes divided, when the terms of freight are equal on the ships. As on that coast there is no ballast procurable without great difficulty, the continuing the 200 tons of salt petre on board the *Somerset* who had no iron kintlage appears to have been unavoidable. But it may not be improper to referr the case to our Hon'ble masters for directions in regard to the risque of the goods on the like occasions, as the *Somerset* met with an accident and could not proceed in the season for Europe, and least the *Duke* might not get her whole tonnage at Benjar. They have desired the ship designed for Bengal this year might no be sent them, which request we observe the President and Council have determined to comply with.

Secondly, goods from Europe and Fort St. George.

We observe that the account remains of stores, wares &ca. in the several employs have been duly taken this year and if continued will prevent many irregular accounts for the future.

Thirdly, investment. Fourthly, country government.

The Sultan of Anack Soongey has been at Marlbro' this year, with his head men. They confirmed the agreements made with them some years since, at the same time they took the opportunity of his presence to renew some others with several parts of the country, which we hope will be more faithfully kept than in the instance of the eight Dusans, who in a few months after entering into solemn engagements with the Company violated them, and behaved in such a manner as to oblige the gentlemen to drive them out of the country. As your honour &ca. have in your letter by the *Princess Augusta* sent your directions to them relating to this affair we shall pass it over, and only remark, that as to the agreements with the people to the southward of Manna, we are of opinion, great caution should be used in engaging the Company's protection till they are fully satisfied and convinced those people have an independent right, and can take it, as not being the subjects of another power, least it may in time prove the handle of contention and serve as a pretext to the neighbouring powers for sending an armed force into the country, which may be attended with ill consequences to the affairs of our Hon'ble Masters.

The having proper persons at each river to oversee the plantations and get frequent intelligence from the several parts of the country, may have a very good effect, provided such persons will keep up to their duty, thereby many plantations may be set forward, and others preserved from going to decay and if the state of the plantations are sent up to the Fort every three months, and compared with the annual survey they will be able to form a better judgment of the improvement that is made, and may then give the directions that may appear to be necessary with regard to the circumstances of each district.

The compleating the houses and godowns at Ippue, Manna, Polley &ca. places will we are persuaded answer very valuable purposes, greatly encourage the planters in their work and very much promote the growth of pepper of which we have taken notice in our former reports.

FIFTHLY, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, REVENUES.

They still continue under great difficulties in procuring workmen to carry on their buildings, and should they not be able to get them from Batavia they can make but a very small progress in any work. The factory at Moco Moco seems to require to be immediately set about, the old one being entirely decayed and not habitable; they also represent their great want of a tyle maker, and one skilled in laying them, and of a good number of slaves for the several services.

The *Somerset* has brought some timbers and boards from Batavia for their use, which with the supply sent them from thence will help to forward the buildings, and being of teak will be lasting. The licences are let for near the same as the year preceding.

SIXTHLY, COMPANY'S SERVANTS, MILITARY, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

Under this head we have only to lay before your honour &ct. the state of the annual expences which are as follows.—

STATE OF THE EXPENCES OF FORT MARLBRÔ FOR THE LAST YEAR COMPARED WITH THOSE OF THE FORMER VIZT.—

——	1739.	1740.	Increase.	Decrease.
Moco Moco residency	7,361 2 84	6,955 0 85	...	406 1 99
Charges garrison	14,962 2 83	16,296 1 85	1,333 3 2	...
Wages and allowances	2,514 1 32	2,770 0 72	255 3 40	...
Charges cattle	428 1 88	409 2 16	...	18 3 72
Charges diet	5,279 0 0	6,302 3 0	1,023 3 0	...
Charges slaves	961 3 64	887 1 2	...	2. 2 62
Repairs	1,182 0 51	499 1 4	...	682 3 47
Charges extraordinary	1,568 2 51	1,533 3 95	...	34 . 56
Account salary	2,982 2 52	3,510 3 50	528 0 98	
Account presents	9 2 58	208 1 1	198 2 43	...
Charges merchandize	[3,081]0 0	3,852 2 0	771 2 0	...
Layé Paggar	[1,188]2 94	1,463 2 97	275 0 3	...
Sillebar Paggar	898 2 35	832 1 57	...	66 0 78
Charges general	3,779 1 68	4,609 0 16	829 2 48	...
The amount—Dollars ...	46,198 3 60	50,131 1 80	5,216 1 34	1,283 3 14
Deduct the decrease from the increase	...	...	1,283 3 14	...
The expences of this year exceed the former. Dollars	...	...	...	3,932 2 20

The revenues.	1739.	1740.	Increase.	Decrease.
Arrack licence	1,584 0 0	1,572 0 0	...	12 0 0
Ophium licence	1,092 0 0	1,092 0 0	...	...
Poola Tecoose rent	71 0 0	71 0 0	...	...
Quit rent	12 0 0	18 0 0	6 0 0	...
Sea Custom	686 2 25	304 0 59	59 0 0	382 1 66
The amount—Dollars ...	3,445 2 25	3,057 0 59	6 0 0	394 1 66
Deduct the increase from the decrease	...	...	...	6 0 0
Total decrease in the revenue, Dollars	...	...	...	388 1 66

The reasons for an increase under the several heads are vizt.—

Charges garrison by an addition in the military		1,333 3 2
Wages and allowances, 5 months' wages paid by Mr. Hurlock to Richard Adams at Benjar ...	50 0 0	
A monthly writer entertained, 8 months ...	80 0 0	
Allowance to 5 Arabs sent to Pula Pisang ...	10 0 0	
Two months' wages to the surgeon's assistant ...	20 0 0	
Two months' wages to Dupatty Chayo Loora, Pepper surveyor	30 0 0	
An additional allowance to the brick-layer of 3 dollars per mensem	36 0 0	
Sundry small allowances	29 3 40	
		255 3 40
Charges diet by a supply of covenanted servants from England and some being advanced in the service		1,023 3 0
Account salary for the same reason as above		528 0 98
Account presents: a present to Ensign Toassing for his service	60 0 0	
A present to the Sultan of Anack Soongey ...	105 0 56	
Sundry small presents	33 1 87	
		198 2 43
Charges merchandize by sundry adjustments sent from hence ...		771 2 0
Laye' Paggar by credit to slaves for their labour		275 0 3
Charges general by sundry materials for building		829 2 48
Dollars ...		5,216 1 34

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants

Fort St. George, NICHOLAS MORSE—GEORGE TORRIANO.
6th January, 1740–41.

[Jan.] 7 Sailed the Hon'ble Company's ship *Prince William*, Captain Thomas Langworth, for Fort St. David with stores, a supply of cash, and general letter of this date.

Arrived brigantine *Triton*, Andrew Munro, from Malacca.

9. Arrived ship *Speedwell*, Thomas Pritchard, from Pegue with a letter from the Resident and others at Syrian of the 23d ultimo

Sailed ship *Bon Voyage*, Caetano Fereira, for Pondicherry; ship *Vencata, Latchmia*, Nookanah, for Callingapatam.

11. Received by peons from Fort St. David their annual letter dated 8th instant and their books and papers for England.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed. General letters read vizt.

No. 3 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 8th instant, accompanying their books and papers for England to [go] by the *Hardwicke* and giving an account of the principal occurrences in the Hon'ble Company's affairs for the last year.

No. 4 from the Resident and many others strangers at Syrian, as Europeans, Moors, Malabars &ca. dated the 23d of last month, being a duplicate of what was intended us by a sloop not yet arrived, and inclosing translate of a letter from the person at present King of Pegue, as entered after the said letter.

Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, read that account for last month Vizt.

Custom on goods	129	0	16	
Do. on grain	87	9	64	
Pagodas	216	10	0	ballance

due from him two thousand four hundred forty nine pagodas seven fanams and twelve cash (2,449–7–12) which he now pays in.

And he and the Land Customer deliver in as entered hereafter a state of those customs severally collected by them from the 1st January 1739–40 to the 31st of last month compared with those accounts of the former year.

The decrease in the sea customs on goods proceeds from less quantities of coral imported and that no ships have been here from Macao. The decrease on grain proceeds from a smaller importation and the price being cheaper, both arising from greater plenty in the country from whence a large quantity has been brought into town.

The increase of the land customs arises from a quantity of goods brought in by land from St. Thome' when the Morattas were in this province, and several of the manufactures of the country that were brought in here and exported from hence that would otherwise have been carried through St. Thomé.

The Sea and Land Customer deliver in also as entered hereafter the accounts of the town conicoply's duty as severally collected by them for the last year and pay in the nett produce thereof vizt.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Of what collected by the Sea Customer	77	23	25
by the Land Customer	71	29	78
The whole amounting to Pagodas	149	17	23

One hundred forty nine pagodas seventeen fanams and twenty three cash.

Thirteen sets of bills of exchange of this date signed drawn on the Court of Directors on the following accounts and payable at ninety days sight vizt.—

In return for coral at 7*s*. 8*d*. per pagoda:—

	£	*s*.	*d*.	Pags.	fans.	c.
1 To William Jennings and Abraham and Jacob Franco or order	366	6	0	877	11	1
1 To Abraham and Jacob Franco or order ...	434	0	8	1,132	9	4
2 sets value of Rawson Hart and Abraham and Henry Solomons.						
1 To Abraham and Jacob Franco or order value of Rawson Hart and John Hammond ...	680	3	0	1,774	11[...]	
1 To Jacob Fernandes Nunes or order	290	11	6	758	0[	6]
1 To David de Castro or order	795	7	5	2,074	31[...]	
2 sets value of Nicholas Morse and Rawson Hart.						
1 To Judah Supino and Son or order	8	1	4	21	1[	4]
1 To Ditto	38	13	0	100	29[	2]
1 To Ditto	91	10	9	238	28[	3]
3 sets value of Nicholas Morse						
8 sets for coral amounting to	2,704	13	8	6,977	15	12

For company's servants &ca. at 7*s*. 8*d*. per pagoda:—

	£	*s*.	*d*.	Pags.	fans.	c.
1 To Richard Weat and Alexander Bennet or order value of Robert Douglas and William Percival	388	9	5	1,013	14	67
1 To John Goddard or order value of Nicholas Morse	100	0	0	260	31	24
2 sets for Company's servants	488	9	5	1,274	10	11

For free merchants &ca. at 7*s*. 4*d*. per pagoda :—

	£ s. d.	Pags. fns. c.
1 To George Morton Pitt Esqr. or order value of Richard Benyon Esqr.	2,033 14 10	5,546 20 41
1 To Mrs. Mary Patterson or order on account of George Williamson	100 0 0	272 26 14
1 To Claud Johnson or order on account of Robert Baillie	366 13 4	1,000 0 0
2 sets value of Nicholas Morse		
3 sets for free merchants at 7*s*. 4*d*. ...	2,500 8 2	6,819 10 55
8 „ for coral „ at 7*s*. 8*d*. ...	2,704 13 8	6,977 15 72
2 „ for Company's servants at 7*s*. 8*d*. ...	488 9 5	1,274 10 11
In all 13 sets amounting to	5,693 11 3	15,071 0 58

Five thousand six hundred ninety three pounds eleven shillings and three pence sterling or fifteen thousand and seventy one pagodas and fifty eight cash which sum is now paid in and the prescribed oaths respectively taken.

The Import Warehousekeeper delivers in his books, the musters of gold and silver coined in our mint, the account sales of the *Durrington's* Madeira wine in two copies and the indent for woolen goods for use and sale for 1742 which last is now signed in order to be sent to England by the *Hardwicke* and *Prince William*.

The Board then proceeded to consider of and agreed on the indent to England for stores for 1742.

There being still a great demand in town for fanams, ordered that the Import Warehousekeeper deliver into the mint two chests of silver besides those ordered the 6th instant.

The gentlemen of Bengal having wrote us that they should credit us for the 5 chests of treasure intended for the West Coast by the *Hardwicke*, the packet from England to the West Coast by that ship is now opened to take out the invoice, agreeable to which the gentlemen in Bengal acknowledge to have received it, and the Import Warehousekeeper is ordered to debt that presidency for the same to account current, London.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

DIFFERENCE OF THE SEA CUSTOMS BETWEEN THE YEARS 1739 AND 1740.

—	Custom on goods.		Custom on grain.		Anchorage.	
	Anno 1739.	Anno 1740.	Anno 1739.	Anno 1740.	Anno 1739.	Anno 1740.
January ...	3,091 16 0	3,792 20 44	1,928 4 4	1,105 10 44	29 0 0	39 0 0
February ...	3,507 32 0	3,077 12 28	828 4 68	884 14 20	78 0 0	91 0 0
March ...	1,861 11 28	5,377 16 20	828 19 56	620 34 4	59 18 0	54 0 0
April ...	2,034 3 72	1,232 9 44	337 8 72	593 13 56	53 0 0	52 18 0
May ...	3,278 11 20	1,837 14 24	446 21 72	497 6 36	54 0 0	87 18 0
June ...	1,854 27 8	1,846 2 76	294 20 36	209 1 40	82 0 0	72 18 0
July ...	1,754 30 60	1,004 30 16	447 22 70	318 27 64	88 18 0	48 18 0
August ...	2,801 6 36	1,471 24 8	844 12 76	217 9 24	123 18 0	62 18 0
September ...	5,092 27 12	3,247 32 52	217 0 32	371 25 24	96 18 0	120 0 0
October ...	810 18 44	2,274 1 8	72 22 40	138 27 12	88 18 0	61 18 0
November ...	3,727 21 56	2,394 21 56	231 15 60	75 13 32	...	...
December ...	97 10 16	129 0 16	90 31 32	87 9 64	5 0 0	...
	29,912 0 32	27,685 5 72	6,567 5 8	5,119 13 20	757 0 0	689 0 0
	Decrease.	2,226 30 40	Decrease.	1,447 27 68	Decrease.	68 0 0
	29,912 0 32	29,912 0 32	6,567 5 8	6,567 5 8	757 0 0	757 0 0

The amount of the whole last year was.	37,236 5 40	The decrease on goods this year is	2,226 30 40
		On grain	1,447 27 68
This year is	33,493 19 12	On anchorage	68 0 0
Decrease on the whole is Pags. ...	3,742 22 28	Decrease on the whole is Pags.	3,742 22 28

The decrease on goods this year proceeds from less quantities of coral imported and no ships from Macao.—

The decrease on grain is from the scarcity to the southward which drew most of the grain ships and vessels to those markets.

THE STATE OF THE LAND CUSTOMS FOR THE YEARS 1739 AND 1740 COMPARED ONE WITH THE OTHER.

—	Slaves Registered.		Customs.	
	Anno 1739.	Anno 1740.	Anno 1739.	Anno 1740.
January	0 8 0	...	434 8 43	619 29 37
February	1 20 0	0 8 0	395 18 66	1,010 ... 22
March	3 4 0	0 8 0	318 7 52	489 12 53
April	4 32 0	1 4 0	413 8 7	320 3 77
May	5 20 0	0 16 0	606 3 52	631 18 76
June	4 16 0	0 8 0	1,014 7 31	633 13 23
July	4 16 0	...	700 32 12	746 22 15
August	1 4 0	0 24 0	687 6 69	874 25 29
September	0 16 0	0 8 0	297 21 33	241 20 9
October	0 8 0	0 8 0	328 30 1	218 14 63
November	0 32 0	0 8 0	157 4 10	272 12 35
December	...	...	462 17 29	617 33 25
	26 32 ...	3 20 0	5,841 22 15 26 32 0	6,675 26 64 3 20 0
Increased Anno 1740 Pags. ...	810 28 49	...	5,868 18 15	6,679 10 64

ACCOUNT OF THE TOWN CONICOPLY'S DUTY COLLECTED AT THE SEA GATE FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DECEMBER 1740.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
January	12	33	55
February	35	5	75
March	22	20	45
April	11	13	10
May	8	13	65
June	73	1	40
July	34	10	70
August	11	29	15
September	12	9	35
October	4	14	5
November		...	
December	1	15	10
	227	23	25

Deduct the usual allowances—

Town conicoply	100	0	0			
Collectors	50	0	0			
Total ...				150	0	0

Errors Excepted—

Per Randal Fowke 77 23 25

ACCOUNT OF THE TOWN CONICOPLY'S DUTY COLLECTED AT THE CHOULTRY FOR THE YEAR 1740.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
January	3	12	21
February	5	30	51
March	2	8	1
April	7	15	43
May	4	30	10
June	5	34	73
July	13	30	58

	Pags.	fns.	c.
August	12	20	45
September	6	0	18
October	1	4	35
November	4	15	10
December	4	7	33
Total of this year ...	71	29	78

[Jan.] 13. Arrived sloop *Coventry*, Thomas Wright, from Pegu with the original of the letter from thence of the 23rd December of which the duplicate arrived the 9th by the *Speedwell.*

Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

14. Sailed ship *Mercury*, William Clarke, for Bengal with a general letter of the 10th instant.

Arrived ship *Ceres*, Samuel Lutton, from Bengal with a duplicate general letter of the 30th ultimo.

15. Arrived ship *Lancaster*, James Barton, from Bengal, with the original of the foregoing letter.

Received by peons from Tellicherry a general letter of the 21st of October.

16. Arrived sloop *George*, Antonio Roccar, from Bengal.

CONSULTATION, FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed. General letters read vizt.

No. 5, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 10th instant advising that the *Prince William*, arrived there the 9th in the evening.

No. 6, from the President and Council of Fort William of the 30th ultimo, advising that Alliverdee Cawn is confirmed in the Subaships of Bengal, Bahar, and Orixa.

No. 7, from the Chief and factors at Tellicherry of the 21st October advising that the *Warwick* sailed thence for England the 6th of that month, and desiring us to forward an inclosed packet for the Governour and Council of Pondichery.

Letter from Captain Hallet of the *Hardwicke* read as entered hereafter desiring to be indulged in surplus bales at twenty pounds ten shillings per ton freight agreeable to a clause in his charter party for the West Coast, or that we would refer the terms of his surplus freight to England.

The purport of the said letter being considered it is resolved that our orders from England will not permit us to grant Capt. Hallett any surplus bales but on half freight only, and the Secretary is ordered to acquaint him herewith entering his letter hereafter.

Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, reads that account for last month, ballance due from him three hundred thirty two pagodas three fanams and five cash (332-3-5) which is now paid him.

He also delivers in two copies the accounts of the cloths brought in by and[c] the advances made to our several sets of merchants from December 1739 to the 31st of last month, to be sent to England by the *Hardwicke* and *Prince William*.

Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, reads that account for last month vizt.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges garrison	2,117	30	48
Do. diet	583	12	0
Do. cattle	66	24	0
Do. general	826	19	31
Do. hospital	50	27	0
Cattle	300	0	0
Fort Marlbrough	10	0	0
Account Current, London	26	18	0
Charges extraordinary	230	6	20
Repairs of fortifications	272	22	70
Total ...	4,484	16	9

Ballance due from him fifteen pagodas nineteen fanams and seventy one cash (15–19–71) which is carried forward.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in his account are entered hereafter.

Twelve sets of bills of exchange of this date signed drawn on the Court of Directors on the following accounts and payable at 90 days' sight vizt:—

In return for Coral at 7*s.* 8*d.* per pagoda—

	£	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
1 set To Judah Supino and Son or order value of Randall and Edward Fowke ...	181	6	1	472	34	76

For Company's servants etc., at 7*s.* 8*d.* per pagoda—

	£	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
1 To Nathaniel Torriano or order value of George Torriano	306	13	4	800	0	0
1 To Charles Lockyer Esqr. or order on account of William Culliford at Bencoolen value of Henry Parsons ...	30	0	0	78	9	31
1 To John Stratton or order value of himself	142	5	0	345	0	0
1 To Thomas Hall or order value of Captain John Crompton	27	1	7	70	23	6
1 To John Bateman or order account of Theophila, daughter of Robert Symonds deceased value of Holland Goddard ...	43	18	10	114	22	77
5 sets for Company's servants at 7*s.* 8*d.* ...	549	18	9	1408	19	34

For free merchants etc. at 7*s.* 8*d.* per pagoda—

	£	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
1 To Thomas Hall or order	650	0	0	1,772	27	14
1 To Henry Newcome or order	35	19	3	97	33	55
2 sets value of Nicholas Morse.—						
1 To Nathaniel Torriano or order value of George Torriano	108	9	5	295	29	68
1 To Thomas Nicolas or order value of John Russell and George Jones	110	0	0	300	0	0
1 To Rebecca Wardall or order value of John Russell	50	0	0	136	13	7
1 To George Drake or order value of John Saunders	878	16	5	2,396	28	29
6 sets for free merchants at 7*s.* 4*d.* ...	1,833	5	1	4,999	24	13
1 set for coral 7*s.* 8*d.*	181	6	1	472	34	76
5 sets for Company's servants 7*s.* 8*d.* ...	549	18	9	1,408	19	34
In all 12 sets amounting to	2,564	9	11 or	6,881	6	43

Two thousand five hundred sixty four pounds nine shillings and eleven pence sterling or six thousand eight hundred eighty one pagodas six fanams and forty three cash, which sum is now paid in and the prescribed oaths respectively taken.

Captain Robert Mylne pays in one hundred and seven (107) pagodas as the produce of a part of Captain Richard Michelfield's outward bound adventure disposed of by him for which three certificates are now signed of this date.

The Company's merchants attending the Board desire we will indent of one hundred bales of ordinary red broad cloth and one hundred bales of green to mix

with the auroras of which they have too large a proportion remaining; upon which the Import Warehousekeeper is ordered to draw up an indent in two copies to be signed by the Board.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Having some reasons at present to beleive my ship will be able to take in above her charter party tonnage in bales I have applied to your Warehousekeeper to know on what terms I may hope to be indulged with as many as I can take in more than that quantity, who tells me that for all such surplus bales, I must enter into an agreement that they shall be accounted and paid for at half freight only; this I suppose to be founded at an order of my Hon'ble Masters respecting their ships consigned directly for the coast and Bay, but upon perusing my charter party I find therein a clause of which I take the liberty to lay before you the following extract.

'And it is farther agreed that in case the Deputy Governour and Council at Bencoolen shall load on board the said ship more than her charter party tonnage the said part owners and master are to be paid for such over tonnage only £ 20 : 10 a tonn and no more'. I need not remind your honour &ca. of my being intended a West Coast ship and that the President and Council of Fort William have thought proper to alter my voyage and as I suppose the Hon'ble Company's interest to have been the grounds of that resolution, so I also hope that my owners may not be deprived of the benefit of the clause above recited, but if your honour &ca. shall not think fitt to gratify me therein, I then flatter myself you will indulge me in referring the terms of my surplus freight to England and that my duty to my owners will plead an excuse for the trouble given you herein by, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

Fort St. George,
16th January, 1740-41.

JOHN HALLETT.

TO CAPTAIN JOHN HALLETT,
COMMANDER OF SHIP HARDWICKE.

Sir,

I am ordered by the President and Council to acknowledge their having received your letter to them of this date, requesting to be allowed £ 20 : 10 per ton freight for what bales you may be able to take in above your charter party tonnage, conformable to a clause in your charter party for the West Coast, and in answer thereto to acquaint you that their orders will not permitt them to indulge you with any such surplus bales but on your agreeing in behalf of your owners that the same shall be accounted and paid for at half freight only.

I am, Sir, Your very humble servant,

Fort St. George,
16th January, 1740-41.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR DECEMBER 1740,

Arise on the following articles vizt. :—

	Pags.	fns.	c.	Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges general vizt—						
100 peons extraordinary ; pay	85	18	0			
Batty abroad and at home, as per book	32	7	60			
				117	25	60

	Pags.	fns.	c	Pags.	fns.	c.
Cattle vizt.—						
Bought a state horse for				300	0	0
Fort Marlborough vizt.—						
Allowance money to Raja Cooladeen and servants				10	0	0
Account Current, London vizt.—						
Paid diet and lodging for Mr. Flint 1 month 23 days to the 31st ultimo...				26	18	0
Charges extraordinary vizt.—						
Paid dieting 7 prisoners upon the choultry this month at 1 fa: 40 c, each	3	0	40			
Marshal's note for dieting a lunatick soldier ...	2	0	0			
Allowance money to Mr. Ackman's child	2	0	0			
House rent for the Reverend Mr. Wynch	7	0	0			
Allowance money to 1 soldier's renewing his covenant.	5	0	0			
One smith attending the shroff to beat down bad pagodas	1	2	60			
Gave the mauldars attending a present of oranges from Emaum Saib to the Governour and betlenut tendered the servants of Takya Saib	1	27	0			
Batty allowed to 250 peons of pollyagars, at fans. 30 each per month	208	12	0			
				230	6	20
Repairs or fortifications vizt.—						
Materials used and workmen employed in several places this month... ...				272	22	70
Pagodas ...				957	0	70

[Jan.] 17. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 14th instant

CONSULTATION, SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1741.

General letter No. 8 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 14th instant inclosing translate of a letter sent the Deputy Governour by Rahgojee Bosalla one of the Generals of the Moratta army and desiring the sentiments of the Board concerning the answer to be return'd. The Board having considered of the purport of the said letters, the substance of the answer they think proper to be returned to Raygojee Bosalla and the directions proper to give the Deputy Governour and Council on the occasion are now agreed on.

Letter from Captain Hallet of this date read as entered hereafter praying to be indulged in surplus bales on the same terms of freight with the Coast and Bay ships though by his charterparty for the West Coast the whole freight is but £21-10, when it is £24 per ton to the others.

The Board being of opinion that if our Hon'ble Masters had known their service would have required the *Hardwicke* to be dispatched from hence or the Bay they would have put her owners on the same terms with their Coast and Bay ships, it is agreed to grant Capt. Hallett's request and that the Warehousekeeper send on board the *Hardwicke* what surplus bales the captain shall call for, taking his agreement for the half-freight on the same terms with the Coast and Bay ships.

The President reads the mint account current for last month, ballance due to the mint twenty two pagodas thirty three fanams and thirty cash (22-33-30) which is carried forward.

Foul draught of the letter intended for England by the *Hardwicke* and *Prince William* read and approved.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I yesterday received a letter from your Secretary acquainting me in answer to the request I then made you, that I must not expect any surplus bales but on my agreeing to take them at half freight only, which I hope your honour &ca. will construe into the same terms as the commanders of the Company's Coast and Bay ships agree to, for on comparing one of their charterparties with mine for the West Coast, I find their whole freight to be £24, mine only £21–10 per tonn, and my half freight proportionable less than theirs, a difference I conceive my Hon'ble Masters would not have subjected my owners to, could they have surmised that their service would have required the alteration that has been made in my voyage. I therefore request your honour &ca. will please to indulge me in what surplus bales I may want on the same terms of freight which the Coast and Bay ships, and I promise to enter into the usual engagements with them. I am,

Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

Fort St. George,
17th January, 1740–41. JOHN HALLETT.

[Jan.] 17. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.
18. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1741.

The two last Consultations read and signed. General letter No. 9, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 16th instant read advising that the *Prince William* will be ready for her dispatch by the 23d instant, with as many bales as she can take in, and that it is impossible at present to get any intelligence from Pondichery of the French ships' cargoes for Europe.

Two sets of bills of exchange of this date signed, drawn on the Court of Directors at 90 days' sight and seven shillings and eight pence per pagoda. vizt.

For Company's servants &ct.—

	£	*s.*	*d.*	Pags.	fns.	c.
1 set to Sidney Foxal or order value of himself ...	100	0	0	260	31	24
1 to John Sanderson or order value of Nicholas Morse ...	208	13	0	542	27	56
2 sets amounting to	308	1	3	803	23	0

Three hundred and eight pounds one shilling and three pence sterling or eight hundred and three pagodas twenty three fanams, which sum is now paid in and the prescribed oaths respectively taken.

Captain John Hallet of the *Hardwicke* pays in four thousand eight hundred (4,800) current pagodas on account of the produce of his adventure outward bound and the returns thereof for which three certificates of this date are now signed on his taking the oath directed therein by our Hon'ble Masters.

Letter from the surgeons read as entered hereafter accompanying the indents to England for medicines for 1742, which are now signed and reporting the medicines put up by Messrs. Silvanus and Timothy Bevan to be much inferiour in quality to those provided by the Apothecaries Company and Mr. Alexander Johnston and that in general those sent from the Hall have proved the best.

Indent to England for stores for 1742, signed in two copies.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, pays into cash the following sums.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
In part the ballance of his December account due from him seven thousand five hundred pagodas	7,500	0	0
On account of broadcloth delivered the merchants three thousand pagodas	3,000	0	0
On account of fanams sold six hundred ninety two pagodas nineteen fanams and sixty Cash	692	19	60
In all ...	11,192	19	60

Eleven thousand one hundred ninety two pagodas nineteen fanams and sixty cash.

Part of the separate letter to our Hon'ble Masters intended by the *Prince William* and *Hardwicke* being read, giving an account of the letters sent to this place and Fort St. David by the Moratta Generals and also the reasons we had to believe that the Nabob and his ministers had laid a scheme for the Morattas to come again into that province, a debate ensued relating to the condition of our fortifications and the number of men we have to defend them, concerning which there has lately appeared an exceeding uneasiness among all sorts of people and particularly great clamours among the European inhabitants that the walls of the Black Town are so inclosed by houses and gardens that it would be impossible for the guns to be of any service against any enemy that should attack it.

The officers of the garrison being sent for declared it as their opinion that the Black Town in the present condition was very unsafe and that it was next to impossible to defend it without the houses and gardens were pulled down for at least two hundred yards, that some other and better fence ought to be erected for the present towards the Sea by New Point, and if there was time for it that a wall or intrenchment ought to be raised all along the sea side from New Point to Fishing Point with two batteries erected between those two points, that it was the more necessary to take this care of the Black Town, because if that should fall into an enemy's hands the guns and ammunition they would probably be possessed of by that means would greatly endanger the safety of the White Town, the guns from which would not be able to do them any great mischief there being hardly the breadth of a street between the walls and the houses in the Black Town.

The Board having maturely considered all these particulars and the probability that the place may be attacked by the Morattas and though we have hitherto been backward in directing many things which are absolutely necessary for the defence and safety of the place in case it should be attacked, being willing to avoid so great an expence, but now the Morattas having made large demands upon us and threatning in case of refusal to bring their army ageanst us, we think it will be the height of imprudence to lose any more time which is now become very precious, and therefore agreed as follows.

That all houses and gardens within two hundred yards of the walls of the Black Town be pulled down and the coconut trees brought into Town and such other materials as may be of use in raising new works and for the greater expedition it was ordered that besides the common cooleys all those who keep palankeens do send their cooleys upon this service and likewise all the gardeners of the town and of the out villages and generally that all others be summoned to attend who may be usefull in expediting this work.

Ordered that Messrs. Morse and Torriano be a Committee to take an account of the houses and gardens pulled down, that the Board may at leisure consider of a reasonable compensation to make the owners.

Agreed also that the battery proposed by the officers to be raised by the sea side be immediately set about; and as the coconut trees from the gardens and the materials of the houses will go a great way towards making a wall or fence by the sea side, agreed that that work also be set about as we hope it may be made defensible before the Morattas come against us.

As there may be many other things necessary to be ordered which cannot immediately and at once be thought of, agreed that it be left to the President, Paymaster and Storekeeper to give directions concerning the same, making report thereof at the next ensuing Consultation.

Then the Board took into consideration the great uneasiness which appears in town upon our intentions to dispatch home both the *Prince William* and *Hardwicke* at this juncture, in which we should not hesitate to keep them both in India if they were not loaden with such rich cargoes, the disappointment of which in due season will be very great at home. On the other hand it was considered that the keeping of them will put great heart into our inhabitants, not only for the assistance we may have from some of their men, but also that as every thing which passes here is carried up into the country and the notion of keeping two ships upon the Coast will add much to our reputation there, and perhaps in great measure be a check upon those who may design to molest us. After long debate it was agreed to deferr the dispatch of these two ships for some days longer, but as the *Prince William's* charterparty expires the last of this month, it was agreed to order her up hither from Fort St. David and as the winds hang now southerly we may expect her here before the last of the month, when it is agreed to dispatch her if nothing extraordinary happens in the mean time to induce us to alter our resolutions.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We herewith lay before your honour &ca. the indents for medcines for 1742, and in obedience to your orders find ourselves under a necessity to report that of the medicines received last year those put up by Messrs. Silvanus and Timothy Bevan, apothecarys, are much inferiour in goodness and quality to those put up by the Apothecary's Company and by Mr. Alexander Johnston, apothecary. We must likewise observe that in general those sent us for some years past from the Hall have proved the best. We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servants,

Fort St. George,
19th January, 1740-41. NATHANIEL BARLOW—ROBERT DOUGLAS.

[Jan.] 20. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

23. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

CONSULTATION, FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

General letter No. 10 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 18th instant read, advising that a party of between three and four thousand horse had entered their bounds on whom they had discharged about an hundred cannon from Cuddalore and the out batteries before they retired, but they could not prevent their plundering Mangicopang, and the Washing Town, where however what they got was very inconsiderable.

Then the President acquainted the Board that he received advices last night that a body of horse which he supposes were part of those that passed Fort St. David had plundered Sadras and attempted the Dutch factory but being repulsed

there, were retired and are now encamped on the banks of that river. It being uncertain what they design next and whether they wait there to be joined by a large body, it was agreed to give an order to Captain Hallet to send ashore thirty of his ship's company to assist in the defence of the place.

Ordered also that the English, Portuguese, and Armenian inhabitants be put under arms, that two more ensigns be appointed to assist in conducting them and that the said two ensigns be Messrs Sidney Foxal and Cornelius Goodwin.

It being inconvenient to us on shore to keep Coxson and Matthews prisoners upon guard and the Board having intended to send them to England on the *Hardwicke*, Captain Hallet, was desired to receive them on board now, to which he consented upon condition to have an order for that purpose.

Ordered that the Export Warehouse-keeper lay in some rice for the use of the garrison and that one thousand (1,000) pagodas be advanced him to pay for the same.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

[Jan.] 25. Dispatched a catamaran to Fort St. David with copy of our general letter of the 20th instant.

Arrived Ship *St. Catharina*, John Baptista, from Macao.

Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 22d instant.

26. Delivered the master of the *Galatea* a general letter to Bengal of this date.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

General letter No. 11 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 22d instant read advising that though they fired near an hundred guns at the Morattas they had done very little execution which they impute to the unskilfulness of their gunners, desiring therefore we will send them some more experienced men from hence, as also an hundred barrels of country powder and six barrels of Europe with some flints, advising also that they were likely to be in great want of grain, of which they desire we will send them a supply from hence.

As what gunners we have here have no other experience than the common firing in answering salutes, 'tis not in our power to supply the garrison at Fort St. David with any more skilfull persons than they have at present, and as to the article of gunpowder, having sent them twice this season what they worte for, besides a quantity sent to the West Coast and Vizagapatam, our stock here is so much decreased that we cannot supply them with the quantity they now write for; but as our powder-makers continue to work daily we hope if they are not interrupted by the enemy we may be able to supply Fort St. David before their present stock is exhausted.

Then the Board sent for Coralawarrs people and agreed with them for two of their vessels to sail this evening to St. Davids laden with about an hundred garce of paddy, the same to be delivered there at 26¾ pagodas the Madrass garce and advanced them two thousand five hundred (2,500) pagodas on that account.

A letter from Captain Hallet dated the 23d instant read, accompanying the thirty men we ordered from on board him and acquainting us that being fully loaden he is ready for our sailing orders.

William Monson, Land Customer, reads that account for last month the produce consisting of only, choultry customs, Pags. 617–33–25, the ballance due from him six hundred and two pagodas twenty five fanams and twenty five cash (602–25–25) he now pays in.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, reads that account for last month, ballance due from him nineteen thousand two hundred eighty one pagodas twenty four fanams and sixty eight cash (19,281–24–68), of which he now pays five thousand (5,000) pagodas in further part.

The Paymaster acquaints the Board that he has procured an hundred oxen, which not being thought sufficient he is ordered to provide at least two hundred head more of oxen and some hogs and to kill and salt up a part of them.

He also acquaints the Board that there is a ship in the road lately arrived from Pegu with a quantity of timbers and planks, and as both will be wanted for several uses in the garrison he and Mr. Torriano had talked with Mr. Pritchard the owner and agreed with him at eight (8) pagodas each for the timbers, and three (3) pagodas for the planks, which the Board approved of.

A letter to the Hon'ble Court of Directors of this date signed to go by Captain Barton to be put on board any of the Company's ships which he may meet with on the Malabar coast bound for Europe. Agreed that two other copies be drawn out and signed to go by the *Ceres* bound to the gulph of Persia under cover to the Resident at Bussorah.

Ordered that thirty (30) bolts of canvas be delivered the Paymaster to cover the men at such of the guards where they have not at present any conveniences for that purpose.

Ordered that the Paymaster supply the *Hardwicke's* men with the necessary provisions during their stay on shore.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

[Jan.] 26 Sent a letter of this date to Fort St. David with two boats of paddy.

Arrived the Honb'le Company's ship *George*, Captain John Taylor, from Ingeram with bales and general letter of the 15th instant, a general letter from Vizagapatam of the 19th ultimo.

Arrived ship *Daadoo Ekhu*, Shaik Farazulla from Metchlepatam.

27. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 23d instant.

Arrived ship *Augusta*, John Tomlinson, from Bengal with a general letter of the 15th instant.

Arrived brigantine *Jenny*, Jangalee from Vizagapatam with sixty bales and a general letter of the 23d December.

CONSULTATION, TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1741.

General letter No. 12, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated the 23d instant read, advising that their out-guards had been that day attacked by about five thousand Moratta horse and that they were likewise informed a body of seven or eight thousand more were upon their march from the southward for which reason they hoped it would not be construed to their prejudice that they did not comply with our orders relating to the *Prince William* till they should know our further sentiments.

Then the President acquainted the Board that he had received advices from Arcot intimating that this body of horse was not a part of the army lying about Tritchanopoly but a seperate body belonging to Sidogee, that the Nabob had sent to complain to the Generals of this inroad and the ravages they were making in this province, but as he has not the power to resent it and it; is doubtfull whether the Generals did not order or at least connive at their coming in. Agreed that we dispatch orders immediately to Fort St. David by a catamaran giving the gentlemen the liberty to detain the *Prince William* till we shall give them other directions.

General letters read vizt.

No. 13, from the President and Council of Fort William of the 15th instant accompanying a bundle of taffaties for the West Coast sent us on the *Augusta*.

Nos. 14 and 15 from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam of the 19th and 23d ultimo: the first advising the dispatch of the *George* to Coranga, inclosing indents for wares and stores and giving a description of Hayaut Patnam, the other serving only to accompany sixty bales of calicoes on the *Jenny*.

No. 16 from the Resident at Ingeram of the 15th instant accompanying one hundred and thirty bales of calicoes on the *George*, and some betteelas, inclosing the accounts of his investment to the 30th November, and an indent for wares and stores.

One set of bills of Exchange of this date signed drawn on the Court of Directors for fifty (50) pounds sterling payable to Mr. Martha Simpson or order at ninety days' sight and seven shillings and eight pence each pagoda for which one hundred and thirty pagodas fifteen fanams and fifty two cash (130-15-52) is now paid into cash for Mr. Charles Simpson.

The surgeons presenting a bill of twenty four (24) pagodas for dieting Daniel Coxson, the master of the *Nancy*, from the 12th August last to the 23rd instant, ordered that it be paid by the Paymaster.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

[Jan.] 27. Sent by catamaran to Fort St. David a general letter of this date. Delivered Captain Barton of the *Lancaster* our general letter to England of the 26th instant to be forwarded by him on any ships he may meet homeward bound from the Malabar Coast.

30. Sailed ship *Lancaster*, James Barton, for the Malabar Coast.

31. Delivered Captain Mylne of the *Ceres* two letters to the Resident at Bussorah of the 28th instant to be forwarded thither by different conveyances, inclosing duplicate and triplicate of our general letter to England of the 26th instant sent by Captain Barton to be forwarded by him from the Malabar Coast.

Sailed sloop *Coventry*, Thomas Wrighte, for Pegu.

CONSULTATION, SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1741.

The two last Consultations read and signed.

Captain Hallett of the *Hardwicke* delivers in upon oath his manifest of adventure homeward bound.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, pays in six thousand three hundred (6,300) pagodas on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants.

Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence, pay in three hundred thirty five (335) pagodas for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

[Jan.] 31. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 29th instant.

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2. Sailed ship *Galatea*, William Tullie, for Bengal with a general letter of the 26th ultimo.

Sailed ship *Ceres*, Robert Mylne, for Persia with a general letter to the Resident at Bussorah of the 28th instant in two copies to be forwarded by different conveyances and a general letter of the same date to the Chief and Council at Gombroon.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1741.

General letter No. 17 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 29th ultimo read in answer to our's of the 27th and advising that the *Prince William's* packet being ready they should detain her for our further orders.

Our advices we have from the country agreeing with what is wrote from Fort St. David relating to the body of Moratta horse that was lately in the province, namely that they are retired out of it again and joined the main army which lyes before Tritchanopoly, the Board resumed the debate concerning the dispatch of the Europe ships. It was unanimously agreed to dispatch the *Prince William.* But opinions were different relating to the dispatch of the *Hardwicke.* It was urged that fifty of that ship's company would be of more use upon our bastions than all the rest of our gunroom crew, among whom there are few or no Europeans which would be much wanted in case the Morattas should bring any large army against us ; that we ought not to rely upon the Nabob's assurances that the Morattas have agreed with him that they will not molest the sea ports, because hitherto they have shown but little regard to their agreements with him, and if they are not otherwise obliged to leave these parts before they have time to attack us, will not fail to make an attempt upon us if they think they shall succeed. It was besides urged that there was some reason to beleive the Nabob intended to make demands upon us, which if he could not oblige us to comply with, it was not unlikely he might think of forcing us to it by the assistance of the Morattas ; that if we thought by the help of our inhabitants we might be able to make a tolerable defence here, we ought to consider the condition of Fort St. David, where besides what has been said in the general letter from thence on a late occasion, private letters speak in very moving terms how much they should be exposed in case of action if they had not the countenance and assistance of one of the Europe ships. The value of the cargo which the *Hardwicke* has on board and which we compute to be about seven lack of rupees was almost the only reason with others to wish she could be dispatched, for as to any relyance upon the Nabob's friendship, or dependance upon the Morattas keeping their agreements with him, it was unanimously agreed we had but little reason to hope we should escape without being somehow or other molested. That tho' the Morattas should not come so far into the province as this place, it was a question whether Fort St. David would escape without another attack as lying nearer the borders and consequently more exposed after long debate the Board agreed to send the *Prince William's* dispatches as soon as they can be closed, which may be by Wednesday night or Thursday morning. That at the same time we dispatch the *Hardwicke* to Fort St. David with dispatches for England inclosed to the Deputy Governour and Council to be delivered by them to the Captain if they do not think it absolutely necessary for the preservation of the place to detain her.

Agreed also to send the *George* thither with a loading of rice as soon as possible with liberty for the Deputy Governour and Council to keep her there if they think fitt.

Agreed also to send about thirty garce of rice more upon a country vessel, and to send twenty lascars upon the *George* to be entertained in their gunroom. The Board cannot at present hire any more and have been obliged to allow these two Pagodas per mensem and one Fanam per diem batta.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

[Feb.] 4. At 10 P.M. dispatched a chelinga to Fort St. David with a general letter of this date and the *Prince William's* packets for England.

5. At 8 this morning sent off on board the *Hardwicke* her packets for England and Capt. Hallet's dispatch to Fort St. David of this date, with a duplicate general letter dated yesterday ; at ½ past 10 she sailed.

Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 2d instant.

6. Sailed a country boat loaded with rice for Fort St. David with a letter of this date.
7. Sailed the Hon'ble Company's ship *George*, Captain John Taylor, for Fort St. David with a further supply of rice and a letter of this date.

This evening arrived the Hon'ble Company's ship *Cæsar*, Captain Robert Cummings, from England with a packet &ca. from the Court of Directors.

8. Sailed ship *Kent*, John Byers for Pegue with some stores and a general letter to the Resident at Syrian dated the 6th instant.

CONSULTATION, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1741.

The packet from England by the *Cæsar* being opened was found to agree with it's list; then were read the addition in the general letter of the 2d April to that dated the 21st March, the Regulations for the Military, copies of the Company's letters to Bencoolen dated the 2nd April and to the Sultan of Benjar of the 27th March, Captain Westcot's representation, and the order as to the precedency of the Company's new commanders. The list of investment dated the 2nd April is the same as received before.

An order signed to Captain Cummings to send ashore the military and wares and stores he has on board for this presidency, but considering the present situation of affairs in the country, agreed to continue the treasure on board for some time longer.

General letter No. 18, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 2nd instant inclosing Captain Langworth's protest for the detention of the *Prince William*, which is now read and ordered to be copied after the said letter.

The President reads the cash account for last month, ballance remaining now compared with the cash chests one hundred thousand one hundred twenty six current pagodas ten fanams and seven cash (1,00,126–10–7) and three hundred forty seven (347) Madrass pagodas which is carried forward.

Tonta Vencataish, farmer of the butteca rent and shroff duty, pays in one hundred and two pagodas eighteen fanams (102–18–0) for three months' rent due the 31st July last.

Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chittee, betle and tobacco farmers, pay in eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (833–12–0) for one month's rent due the 5th ultimo.

William Monson, Import Warehouse-keeper pays in two thousand five hundred seventy five pagodas eleven fanams and thirty cash (2,575–11–30) in further part of the ballance due from him on his December account.

Paddy being now to be bought in town at twenty four pagodas and a half ($24\frac{1}{2}$) per garce, ordered that the Export Warehouse-keeper lay in two hundred (200) garce at that price for the garrison, and that five thousand (5,000) pagodas be advanced him to pay for the same.

Agreed that five thousand (5,000) pagodas be advanced the Paymaster for the disbursements of the running month.

There being no fresh water in the town nor any procurable good at less than two miles' distance, ordered that the storekeeper purchase all the casks, jars, &ca. that he can get in town and that he make wooden tanks as fast as he can for holding further quantity and that the Scavinger fit up some of his carts to fetch water to fill them.

Ordered also that stands be made for the wall peices sent us out this year and fixed upon the curtains, and that two hundred (200) wooden cartridge cases for carrying powder be made, there not being one in the garrison.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDAL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

The Hon'ble United Company's Cash. Dr.

	£ s. d.	Pags. fns. c.	Pags. fns. c.
1. To ballance brought from last month's account.			81,440 14 48
8. To bills of exchange received for the following sets of this date drawn on the Court of Directors at 90 days' sight on the following accounts payable vizt.			
In return for coral at 7s. 8d. per pagoda ...			
1. To Judah Supino and Son or order ...	16 14 5	43 22 31	......
1. To Ditto ...	28 4 1	73 21 14	......
2 Sets value of Randall and Edward Fowke	44 18 6	117 7 45	
For Company's servants &ca. at 7s. 8d. per pagoda.			
1. To Charles Benyon or order value of Randall Fowke	100 0 0	260 31 24	......
1. To Alexander and George Ouchterlony or order value of Robert Douglas ...	133 12 9	348 22 22	......
2 Sets	233 12 9	609 17 46	......
For free merchants &ca. at 7s. 4d. per pagoda.			
1. To Captain John Walsh or order value Richard Benyon and Robert Douglas	721 19 8	1,969 2 0	......
2. Sets for coral brought down	44 18 6	117 7 45	......
5 Sets amounting to	£ 1,000 10 11 or	......	2,695 2 11
12. To Randal Fowke, Sea Customer, received the ballance of that account for last month	......	......	2,449 7 12
To town duty, received the nett produce of the town conicoply's duty collected at the sea gate and choultry for the last year ending the 31st ultimo vizt.			
By the Sea Customer	......	77 23 25	......
By the Land Customer	......	71 29 78	......
			149 17 23
12. To bills of exchange, received for the following sets of this date drawn on the Court of Directors in the following accounts and payable at 90 days' sight vizt.			
In return for Coral at 7s. 8d. per pagoda.			
1. To William Jennings and Abraham and Jacob Franco or order	366 6 0	877 11 18	......
1. To Abraham and Jacob Franco or order	434 0 8	1,132 9 47	......

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			Pags. fns. c.
3. By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, advanced him for the running month	......	......	4,000 0 0
7. By Fort St. David, sent thither per *Prince William*	Pags ...	27,000 0 0	
	In fanams ...	3000 0 0	
			30,000 0 0
			34,000 0 0
16. By Augustus Burton, Export Warehouse-keeper, paid the ballance of that account for last month	... ...	......	332 3 5
23. By Augustus Burton, Export Warehouse-keeper, advanced him to pay for rice ...	......	......	1,000 0 0
26. By Augustus Burton, Export Warehouse-keeper, advanced him towards paying for two boats of paddy sent to Fort St. David.	......	......	2,500 0 0
			37,832 3 5
31. By ballance, carried to next month's account	......	......	1,00,126 10 7

2 Sets value of Rawson Hart and Abraham and Henry Solomons.			
1. To Abraham and Jacob Franco or order value of Rawson Hart and John Hammond	680 3 0	1,774 11 11	......
1. To Jacob Fernandes Nunes or order...	290 11 6	758 0 62	......
1. To David de Castro or order	795 7 5	2,074 31 67	......
2 Sets value of Nicholas Morse and Rawson Hart.			
1. To Judah Supino and Son or order ...	8 1 4	21 1 46	......
1. To ditto ...	38 13 0	100 29 23	......
1. To ditto ...	91 10 9	238 28 38	......
3 Sets value of Nicholas Morse.			
8. Sets for Coral	£ 2,704 13 8	6,977 15 72	
For Company's servants &ct. at 7*s.* 8*d.* per pagoda.			
1. To Richard Wiat and Alexander Bennet or order value of Robert Douglas and William Percival	388 9 5	1,013 14 67	......
1. To John Goddard or order value of Nicholas Morse	100 0 0	260 31 24	......
2 Sets for Company's servants	£ 488 9 5	1,274 10 11	......
For free merchants &ca. at 7*s.* 4*d.* per pagoda.			
1. To George Morton Pitt Esqr. or order value of Richard Benyon Esqr. ...	2,033 14 10	5,546 20 41	......
1. To Mary Pattenson or order on account of George Williamson ...	100 0 0	272 26 14	......
1. To Claud Johnson or order on account of Robert Baillie	366 13 4	1,000 0 0	......
2 Sets value of Nicholas Morse.			
3 Sets for free merchants at 7*s.* 4*d.* ...	£ 2,500 8 2	6,819 10 55	......
8 Sets for Coral . . . at 7*s.* 8*d.* ...	2,704 13 8	6,977 15 72	......
2 Sets for Company's servants at 7*s.* 8*d.*	488 9 0	1,274 10 11	......
13. Sets amounting to	5,693 11 3	or	15,071 0 58
16. To bills of exchange received for the following sets of this date drawn on the Court of Directors on the following accounts payable at 90 days' sight vizt. In return for coral at 7*s.* 8*d.* per pagoda.			
1 Set to Judah Supino and Son or order value of Randall and Edward Fowke.	......	181 6 1	472 34 76
For Company's servants &ca. at 7*s.* 8*d.* per Pag.			

The Hon'ble United Company's Cash. Dr.

		£ s. d.	Pags. fns. c.
1. To Nathaniel Torriano or order value of George Torriano	......	306 13 4	800 0 0
1. To Charles Lockyer Esqr. or order on account of William Culliford at Bencoolen value of Henry Parsons	......	30 0 0	78 9 31
1. To John Stratton or order value of himself	......	142 5 0	345 0 0
1. To Thomas Hall or order value of Capt. John Crompton	......	27 1 7	70 23 6
1. To John Bateman or order on account of Theophila daughter of Robert Symonds deceased value of Holland Goddard	......	43 18 10	114 22 77
5 Sets	......	£ 549 18	91,408 19 34
For free merchants &ca. at 7s. 4d. per Pag.			
1. To Thomas Hall or order	650 0 0	1,772 27 14	
1. To Henry Newcome or order	35 19 8	97 23 55	
2. Sets value of Nicholas Morse.			
1. To Nathaniel Torriano or order value of George Torriano	108 9 5	295 29 68	
1. To Thomas Nicholas or order value of John Russell and George Jones ...	110 0 0	300 0 0	
1. To Rebecca Wardall or order value of John Russell	50 0 0	136 13 7	
1. To George Drake or order value of John Saunders	878 16 5	2,396 28 29	
6. Sets for free merchants &ca. at 7s. 4d. per pagoda	1,833 5 1	4,999 24 13	
1. for coral at 7s. 8d.	181 6 1	472 34 76	
5. for Company's servants &ca. at 7. 8.	549 18 9	1,408 19 34	
12 Sets amounting to	£2,564 9 11 or		6,881 6 43
16. To account current, London, received of Capt. Robert Mylne on account of Captain Richard Mickelfield his outward bound adventure and the returns thereof for which three certificates of this date are given him	......	......	107 0 0
19. To bills of exchange, received for two sets of this date drawn on the Court of Directors and payable at 90 days' sight vizt.			
For Company's servants at 7s. 8d. per Pag.			

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1. To Sidney Foxall or order value of himself	100 0 0	260 31 24	
1. To John Sanderson or order value of Nicholas Morse	208 1 3	542 27 56	
2 Sets amounting to	£ 308 1 3 or		803 23 0
To account current, London, received of Captain John Hallet on account of his adventure outward bound and the returns thereof for which three certificates of this date are given him	......	......	4,800 0 0
To William Monson, Import Warehouse-keeper, received of him vizt:—			
In part the ballance of his Decr. account	......	7,500 0 0	
On account of broad cloth delivered the merchants	.....	3,000 0 0	
On account of fanams sold	......	692 19 60	
			11,192 19 60
26. To William Monson, Land Customer, received the ballance of that account for last month	......	......	602 25 [2]
To William Monson, Import Warehouse-keeper received of him in further part the ballance of that account for last month	......	......	5,000 0 0
27. To bills of exchange, received of Charles Simpson for one set of this date drawn on the Court of Directors payable at 90 days' sight and 7s. 8d. per pagoda to Martha Simpson or order for	......	£ 50 0 0	130 15 [5]
31. To William Monson, Import Warehouse-keeper, received of him on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants ...	......	......	6,300 0 0
To Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence, received one month's rent due the 5th instant	......	......	335 0 0
		Current pagodas ...	1,37,958 13 12

Current pagodas ... 1,37,958 13 12

Dr. Madrass Pagodas.		Madrass Pagodas. *Cr.*	
January. 1. To ballance brought from last month's account	347 0 0	January. 31. By ballance carried to next month's account	347 0 0

Errors Excepted per
Richard Benyon.

[Feb.] 8. Arrived ship *Britannia,* John Horder, from Acheen.

10. Received by peons from Ingeram a general letter of the 22nd ultimo.

11. Sent overland to Fort St. David the invoices of the rice sent thither on the *George* and a country boat.

Sent to Fort St. David by a chelinga bound to Tranquebar a cask of flints.

Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 8th instant.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed. General letters read vizt.

No. 19 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 8th instant advising the arrival there of the mussoola with the *Prince William's* packets and of the *Hardwicke* acquainting us with their reasons for resolving to dispatch both those ships for England the next day, and that the supplies of rice designed them by the *George* and a country vessel will be sufficient for the present but desiring more lascars may be sent them.

No. 20 from Mr. Prince at Ingeram of the 22nd ultimo, covering duplicate invoice and second bill of lading for the bales sent us from thence on the *George.*

The accountant reads the journal parcels for the month of December.

Being advised in the 65th para of the general letter of the 2nd April that in case any of the ships dispatched from England that season should not be able to reach this place by the last of August the commanders were ordered to make the best of their way for Bengal, the Secretary is ordered to demand of Captain Cummings his reasons in writing for coming in here at this season.

Ordered also that in compliance with the 67th para of the same letter he give notice to the gentlemen who came out passengers on the *Caesar* to attend the Board on Monday next.

The Regulations concerning the military being again read in order to the considering what may properly be done at present in obedience thereto, it is agreed to suspend our compliance therewith till the country is more settled.

Ordered that the Vizagapatam indents for wares and stores be complied with by the *Miss Jenny* brigantine as far as our stock on hand will permit of.

The Storekeeper acquaints the Board he had at the request of the President put on board the *Kent* lately sailed to Pegue sundry stores, the particulars and cost of which is entered hereafter, the amount whereof the President had promised to pay if the Board should not think it reasonable that they should be sent on the Company's account, which being taken into consideration, and the several letters lately received from thence vizt. 1740 No. 115 and 1741 No. 4 being called for, setting forth the reasonable condition which the subjects of Great Britain were reduced to upon the late revolution there, the Board agreed that if it were only for the preservation of the trade to that kingdom which makes a very valuable part of our customs, the Company will doubtless approve of our putting them to so small an expence, especially as it seems absolutely necessary also for the safety of the lives of the English in that country.

The Board considered also that having some hopes of obtaining the liberty of exporting salt-petre from thence we should if Mr. Smart was not there, perhaps have thought it proper to have sent some persons over thither on the Company's account in which case [there] could have been no objection to these stores [being] sent also on their account, but as the sending any persons over on their account would be attended with a certain and a large expence, and the success is as yet uncertain we apprehend the Company will be better pleased that we putt them only to this small charge to protect Mr. Smart and the other English there, than so much more as would attend sending a Resident thither on their account till there is some greater certainty of succeeding in obtaining the liberty of exporting salt-petre, and therefore

Agreed that the Storekeeper charge the amount of the said stores to the head of Pegue Residency, and if it shall not be thought proper hereafter to establish a

Residency there on the Company's account, that such of the stores as shall not have been used, be returned hither or sold there as the Board shall think proper.

Mr. James Flint being again about to depart for China on the *Augusta*, ordered that the Paymaster besides paying for his diet while ashoar, do also furnish him with such necessaries as he may have occasion for in the voyage.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

LIST OF STORES SENT TO PEGUE PER SHIP, KENT.

		Pgs.	fns.	c.
Bengall paper	100 quires	5	0	0
Iron guns	15pag. 23c. 1qr. 4lb.	54	23	51
Musquets	12	40	17	44
Blunderbusses	4	14	23	0
Pistolls	3pair.	20	7	70
Copper ladles	6	1	17	74
Iron worms	6	0	7	34
Priming irons	6	0	2	50
Powder horns	6	1	25	46
Powder barrells	5	1	9	0
Granada ffuzees	50	0	23	60
Country gunpowder	1ca. 7md. 4lb.	27	5	60
Europe Do.	0 0 12½	1	23	30
Iron shot	500pz. 5c. 1qr. 12lb.	9	9	18
Iron granada shells	50 0 0 0	6	7	60
		184	24	37
	Charge merchandize	2	23	20
	Pags.	187	11	57

[Feb.] 13 Sailed brigantine *Miss Jenny*, for Vizagapatam with stores and a letter of this date.

Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 13th instant.

15. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 12th instant.

Received by peons from Maddapollam a general letter of the 29th ultimo.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY FEBRUARY 16, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed. *General letters read vizt.*

Nos. 21 and 22 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David, the first dated the 10th instant advising the dispatch of the *Hardwicke* and *Prince William* for England and the arrival of the *George* and boat *Latchmia* with the supplies of rice, desiring we will send them what powder and men we can spare if we have received any supplies by the *Cæsar*, inclosing copies of their letters to England by the abovementioned ships and of the several other necessary papers mentioned in the lists of their packets from which we observe the Deputy Governour and Council have omitted to take an agreement in writing of Captain Langworth for the freight of his surplus bales; the other dated the 12th instant advising of a party of Moratta horse about Chellumbrum which they hear is to be joined by a larger body and they have reason to beleive their designs are against Cuddalore, the weak condition of which place they referr to the consideration of the Board and desire our directions thereupon and inclosing indents for wares and stores.

A country vessel being bound to Maddapollam in a day or two, ordered that such of the wares and stores indented for from thence as we can spare be sent thither on her.

Agreed that two thousand (2,000) pagodas be advanced the Export Warehouse keeper to pay for rice laid in for the garrison.

The Paymaster requesting a further advance for the disbursements of the running month, two thousand pagodas are now paid him.

Letter from Mr. Samuel Greenhaugh read as entered hereafter for leave to go to China on the *Augusta*, which is granted for the reason mentioned in his petition.

Messrs. Legg, Mead, Westcoat, Clause, Bourchier, and Altham who came out passengers on the *Cæsar* attending pursuant to order of last Consultation, the Board enquired of them severally whether Captain Cummings had used them well in the voyage and complied in all respects with his agreements, to which they all replied that they had no particular cause of complaint against the captain.

Ordered that the Paymaster look out for and endeavour to engage some more lascars for the service of Fort St. David and that such of the wares and stores indented for from thence as our stock will admit of be got ready to be sent thither by the first conveyance that offers.

The Board then took into consideration what the gentlemen at St. Davids write concerning Cuddalore, and agreed upon an answer thereto of this date.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

To THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA., COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The Hon'ble the Company having been pleased to appoint me in their service at this Presidency sometime after I had engaged myself in a voyage to China, and from an accident befallen the ship occasioned the loss of her passage the last season, this therefore waits on your honour &ca., Council requesting you will take it into consideration, and grant me your permission to prosecute my voyage which otherwise will be very prejudicial to my fortune.

I am with due respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your obedient humble servant,

Fort St. George,
15th February, 1740-41. SAMUEL GRENHAUGH.

[Feb.] 16. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

18. Arrived brigantine *Mary*, Philip Baker, from Fort St. David.
Sent on a country vessel to Maddapollam some stores and a letter of this date.

19. Received by peons from Vizagapatam a general letter of this date.

22. Sailed ship *Augusta*, John Tomlinson, for China with the letter to the English supra-cargoes at Canton dated the 7th July last before intended by her.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed. General letter No. 24, from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam of the 27th ultimo read, accompanying another copy of their books inclosing their monthly papers for December, and the account of ship *George's* expenses, which last the Storekeeper is directed to examine, desiring a supply of pagodas and advising of troubles in the country to the northward.

The foregoing and the several other letters from Vizagapatam unreplied to being laid before the Board an answer thereto is now agreed on.

The President reads the mint account current for last month ballance remain ing in the mint four hundred and eight thousand and ninety six (4,08,096) fanams, and due to the mint twenty eight pagodas thirty one fanams and five cash (28-31-5) which is carried forward.

Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, reads that account for last month vizt.

		Pags.	fns.	c.
Custom on goods	Pagodas.	3,175	27	0
Ditto on grain	...	984	28	64
Anchorage	...	34	0	0
		4,194	19	64 balance

due from him four thousand one hundred and sixty two pagodas fifteen fanams and sixty four cash (4,162–15–64.) which is carried forward.

Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper reads that account for last month, ballance due to him eight hundred fifty pagodas three fanams and forty seven cash (850–3–47) to pay which and for the washers one thousand (1,000) pagodas is now advanced him.

And two thousand five hundred forty eight pagodas thirty one fanams and forty cash (2,548-31-40) more are advanced him to pay for the rice sent to Fort St. David by the *George* and a country boat.

Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, reads that account for last month vizt.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges garrison	4,558	15	53
Charges diet	583	12	0
Charges extraordinary	317	29	60
Charges general	681	25	3
Charges cattle	66	24	0
Fort Marlbro'	10	0	0
Account current, London	15	0	0
Charges hospital	54	28	0
Fort St. David	120	10	0
Repairs of fortifications	1,004	19	14
Pagodas.	7,412	19	50

ballance due to him three thousand three hundred ninety six pagodas thirty five fanams and fifty nine cash (3,396–35–59) which is now paid him.

The particulars of the extraordinary expense in his account are entered hereafter.

The new wall building along the east side of the Black Town being brought into the Paymaster's account under repairs of fortifications, it is ordered that the cost thereof be carried by a journal entry to the head of Black Town wall, and that the ditch from Queen's Point to the northward be carried on to New Point by the sea side with draw bridges where proper, and that this work also be charged to the same head.

Ordered also that magazines for powder be made under the southermost of the new bastions now building in the Black Town by the sea side.

The Storekeeper having near compleated ten wooden tanks, which he reports to be pretty expensive, ordered that he do not as yet begin any more, and that the Paymaster endeavour to procure good chunam and bricks, and look out for a convenient spot in the White Town to build large reservoirs for water in case of necessity.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper pays in five thousand (5,000) pagodas on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants.

He also reads his account for last month ballance due from him six thousand two hundred and nineteen pagodas thirty two fanams and forty six cash (6,219–32–46) of which he paid a part the 8th instant and now pays in two thousand (2,000) pagodas more.

William Monson, Land Customer, reads that account for last month consisting of choultry customs pagodas (605–1–75), the ballance due from him being five hundred ninety two pagodas eleven fanams and seventy five cash (592–11–75) which he now pays in.

Messrs. Morse and Torriano acquainting the Board that they have purchased timbers and planks to the amount of three thousand and eighty three (3,083) pagodas that sum is now advanced the Storekeeper to pay for the same.

George Torriano, Storekeeper, reads that account for last month ballance due from him four thousand and thirty one pagodas twenty four fanams and seventy six cash, (4,031-24-76) of which he now pays in two thousand (2,000) pagodas.

Tonta Vencataish, farmer of the butteca rent and shroff duty pays in one hundred and two pagodas eighteen fanams (102-18.) for three months' rent due the 31st October last.

Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramonee Chittee, beetle and tobacco farmers, pay in eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (833-12) for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence pay in three hundred thirty five (335) pagodas for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Agreed that four thousand (4,000) pagodas be advanced Telesinga Chitty and Nellamoota Comrapa Chittee for goods brought in by them.

Ordered that five barrels of Europe powder and such other stores indented for from Fort St. David, as we can spare be sent thither on the *Mary* brigantine, together with the further supply of twenty lascars which the Paymaster acquaints the Board he has engaged for that service on an advance of three months' pay.

Letter to the President and Council of Fort William agreed on to go by the *Britannia* that will sail in few days, advising the arrival of the *Cæsar* from England and other occurrences respecting the Hon'ble Company's ships, and inclosing copies of the 69th paragraph of their letter to us by the *Cæsar* dated the 2nd April and of their order relating to the precedency of their new Commanders.

The President acquaints the Board that when he heard the Morattas were at Sadrass he immediately ordered all the cloth to be brought in from the washing towns. That since the washers had so little work they must either leave the place to seek their living elsewhere, or be maintained at the Company's expence if they had not more cloth deliver'd them, which being taken into consideration, and that none of the Moratta's plundering parties have been lately near us, the Warehousekeeper was order'd to deliver more cloth to the washers so as that there be not more than one hundred bales out at a time, which it is hoped we may be able to have brought into town in case of any fresh alarm before the Morattas are near as to prevent it.

Madrass pagodas being wanted for the northern settlements, the Board agreed with Linga Chitty as last year for 20,000 at 11 per cent and 22,200 current pagodas is now paid him out of cash to be coined in the mint.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
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THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR JANUARY 1740-41, ARISE VIZT.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges garrison—			
Paid for sundry stores laid in for the use of the garrison with charges thereon	1,978	4	0
An addition of 35 lascars and 15 gunners this month	33	32	0
	2,012	0	0

Charges extraordinary vizt.—	Pags.	fns.	c.
Paid for dieting choultry prisoners this month	2	21	0
Marshall's bill for dieting a lunatic soldier	2	0	0
Do. do. Robert Matthews	1	0	0
Allowance money to Mr. Ackman's child	2	0	0
House rent for the Revd. Mr. Wynch	7	0	0
A smith attending the shroff to beat down bad pagodas	1	2	60
Gave the mauldars attending presents from several Moormen ...	21	24	40
Gave the catamaran fellows for carrying letters to Fort St. David ...	13	11	0
Paid batta to 170 of the Paddanaigues peons } at 30 fanams per month. Do. to 80 of Gruapanaigues }	208	12	0
Paid diet money to a mate and 26 sailors belonging to the *Hardwicke* on the approach of the Morattas	58	30	40
	317	29	60
Charges general—			
Paid 100 extraordinary peons	85	18	0
Batta abroad and at home	500	9	10
Making of cheveux de freize, materials and workmen	68	16	20
Making of horses, materials used and workmen	4	32	40
	217	3	70
Fort Marlborough—			
Paid allowance money to Raja Cooladeen and servants	10	0	0
Account Current, London—			
Paid diet money and lodging for Mr. Flint for this month	15	0	0
Fort St. David—			
Advanced money to lascars &ca: sent there	120	10	0
Repairs of fortifications—			
Materials used and workmen employed in sundry places as per book account particulars	1,004	19	14
Pagodas ...	3,696	26	64

[Feb.] 23. Sailed brigantine *Mary*, Philip Baker, for Fort St. David with stores. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a letter of this date.

24. Arrived ship *Alleemadut*, Shaik Nassarulla, from Metchlepatam

26. Arrived ship *Syrian Factory*, Michael Collins, from Pegue. Sent by peons to Vizagapatam a general letter of this date.

Consultation, Friday, February 27, 1741.

Mr. Burton sitting by—

The President acquaints the Board that he had called them together upon a complaint made to him by Mr. Burton against Captain Cummings, Commander of the *Cæsar*, for a rape said to have been committed by him upon the body of Miss Elizabeth Mansell one of his passengers from England which she had sworn against him in the following information.

The Town of Madrasspatnam.

The examination of Elizabeth Mansell taken before me William Monson Esqr., one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Town.

This informant saith that on the 24th day of July in the year of our Lord 1740 between the hours of nine and ten o'Clock at night that Captain Robert Cummings, Commander of ship *Cæsar* came from the round house of the said ship into the belcony where the said informant was standing, and did there he the said Robert Cummings by force and violence throw the said informant on the floor, and to prevent her crying out did stop her mouth in such a manner as she

could not speak or scarcely breath, and he the said Robert Cummings did then and there ravish and carnally know her without her free consent or will.

ELIZABTH MANSELL.

Taken the twenty seventh day of February in the fourteenth year of the reign of King George and in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty one, before me.

WILLIAM MONSON.

Upon reading this information, a question was put whether this matter was at all cognizable by us, being said to have been committed upon the high sea's, and it was immediately determined that we have no power as Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer by virtue of his late Majesty's Charter which limits us to the districts dependant on Fort St. George and ten miles round them to examine this affair. The Commission commonly called the Commission of Pyracy was then examined to see if we could proceed by virtue thereof to try Captain Cummings for this fact, and it appearing that we have thereby power to try all pyracies, felonies and robberies committed upon the high seas, it was argued that rapes of women being felonies and all felonies triable by virtue of this commission and the Act of Parliament on which it is founded, this matter was therefore cognizable by us as a Court of Admiralty to be held pursuant to this Commission. But to this it was answered, that the preamble to the Act of Parliament relating solely to pyracy, murther and robbery on the high seas the enacting clauses must be confined to those crimes only, that the oath to be taken by the Commissioners relating also to those crimes only was an additional proof of this assertion, further that the word murther being in the Act of Parliament, but not in his Majesty's Commission, it was plain his Majesty was pleased to provide only for the general safety of trade and navigation which must be destroyed by pyracy by the powers granted to us, but reserved the cognizance of single crimes which affected only individuals to the courts at home and lastly that the word felony in the Commission being inserted between the words pyracy and robbery which are only different degrees of the same crime, the meaning of it was necessarily determined to that crime only, upon the whole therefore it was agreed that we have no power to examine this matter in our judicial capacities, and therefore, it was

Resolved to examine into it as President and Council. Capt. Cummings being therefore sent for and attending, the information was read to him and Miss Mansell also being present confirmed the same viva voce, to which the Captain answered by solemnly denying the fact and every circumstance of it. It being therefore necessary to make a fuller examination into this affair, and it being now late the Board adjourned till tomorrow morning, having first ordered Capt. Cummings into the custody of the Captain of the Guard.—

RICHARD BENYON.—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—
WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO

CONSULTATION, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1741.

Mr. Burton sitting by. Miss Mansell and Captain Cummings both attending the Board pursuant to order of last night, her information was read and re-attested by her on oath; after which she was examined to the manner of it in particular where it happened, where the other two young ladies were, who were fellow passengers with her, and how she was prevented from calling out for assistance; to which she answered, that it was near ten at night in the belcony of the ship, that the other two ladies were in the round house, and that the Captain stopped her mouth with his hand;—she confessed further that at the Cape she consented to go to his bed, but that the former time he knew her against her will which she affirmed by

a solemn asseveration ; she added that since that time the Captain had beat her, pulled her by the hair of her head, and called her whore and several other names.

To this the Captain answered that it was very true he had lain with her for most part of the voyage, after the first two months, that she showed a fondness for him even at Portsmouth to that degree that it made Mrs. Cummings so uneasy as to burst out into tears, which he had much ado to overcome by promises of a prudent behaviour with regard to her, that he withstood dayly repeated importunities for full two months, but confessed that at last she prevailed on him ; that she had fallen in love with a young fellow in the passage between Gravesend and Portsmouth, that she was suspected to have been too intimate with a young man in the house with her, and that she had behaved in general so ill that the family she lived with were resolved to get rid of her at any rate.

Miss Mansell had no further proof than her own oath to support the charge laid against the Captain for a rape ; but Mrs. Mary Coales being called told the Board that she had often seen Miss Mansell cry, that in particular on Christmas day last she with a flood of tears said she could never be happy that she had sometimes on these occasions asked Miss Mansell what was the matter, and was answered that the Captain and she had some words.

This witness being asked by the Captain if Miss Mansell ever complained of any force he had used to her, answered in the negative; being further asked if she had not from Miss Mansell's conduct suspected an intimacy between them, she answered that some times she was almost tempted to think there was, and that she was often in a passion if the Captain happened to take any notice of herself.

Being told that being in the round house and this fact said to be done in the belcony she must have been within hearing of the noise if any struggle had been made, she replied she never heard any noise or ever heard any thing of a rape or any force used till since she came ashore, that Mr. Burton spoke to her of it.

Mrs. Martha Coales being called declared that she never heard any noise, never suspected a rape nor observed any thing between the Captain and Miss Mansell to suspect a criminal correspondence, that she had often seen Miss Mansell cry which she attributed to some little quarrels between the Captain and her but never asked the reason, and that one day being below in the great cabin with Miss Mansell, the Captain from above said or did something that provoked Miss Mansell to call him villain and rogue and other names, adding that he had taken away her character. John Pope, Surgeon's Mate, John Legg, passenger being examined say they heard Miss Mansell in the great cabin call the Captain villain and say that he had taken away her character ; they add that they heard but imperfectly what she said there being a partition between her apartment and the place where they were talking together and that they thought they heard the word ravish. This evidence was given severally, but agreeing exactly is joined in one.

Miss Mansell confessed she did not use the word ravish, but said he had ruined her and taken away her reputation which was her life. John Clause, passenger, declares he heard the Captain and Miss Mansell quarrelling together which he thinks was about a month or six weeks before their arrival at this place but did not take notice of the words.

These three witnesses being asked by the Captain if they ever suspected he had committed a rape on Miss Mansell and whether they beleived there had been any familiarity between him and her answered that no body ever suspected rape, but that it was the general opinion of every body that they were great together.

William Fern, Chief Mate, called by the Captain declares that he never had, or heard that any body else had, a suspicion of a rape but that he had heard Miss Mansell call the Captain many names and say he had ruined and debauched her. Being asked if he remember'd the word debauched, he answered that was the sense of what she said and he thinks the word, but of that he is not possitive.

Charles Bateman confesses he heard Miss Mansell use very high words to the Captain but does not remember what they were, that he beleived there was a familiarity between them, but that he never suspected any thing like a rape.

Anthony Wood, Captain's Steward, avers that he observed Miss Mansell fond of the Captain even at Portsmouth; that Mrs. Cummings saw it and was very uneasy that she was to go in the ship. He adds that he never heard or suspected a rape nor knew of the quarrell but from hearsay and that she was fond of the Captain all the voyage. He say'd further that at Portsmouth she was caught playing at Tagg with a couple of footmen.

Mark Romney deposed that he had observed a great intimacy between the Captain and Miss Mansell, that often when she and the other ladies were above, if the Captain showed any civility to them, Miss Mansell immediately flew out in a passion, that he never heard or suspected anything like a rape, but knows there was a familiarity between them, that being on the poop one night about 11 a Clock he saw the Captain and her setting in two chairs, the Captain's leg in her lap, and she with her arm round the Captain's neck, when he heard her call him her Dear Captain, and saw her kiss him, that he show'd it to his companion who bid him make no noise least they should be heard and that he beckoned to a midshipman who was a small distance off, to come and look who put his finger to his nose, but would not come. He added that at the Cape she went so publickly to the Captain's chamber and came from it that it was commonly remarked by the lodgers in the house and that one of them spoke to him of it.

All these evidences were examined on oath. Miss Mansell having in her examination said she came ashoar with a resolution to prosecute Captain Cummings for this fact, she was asked how she came to be silent so long and why in the letters she wrote ashore by the catamaran (which being received in company were shewn to several people) she had given the Captain so good a character which seemed so ill to accord with the intention she say'd she had to publish this affair, answered that for the letter he dictated it and made her write it, that he made her also take an oath never to disclose what had passed between them just before they got in here, but that it was her full intention to divulge it as she had now done.

To this the Captain answered that as to the letter it is true he wrote it foul but that he did not dictate it, that she desired him to put in a great deal in his commendation and he had much ado to convince her that it might give suspicion of a fondness if she said more than was in that letter, that as to the oath it was not for fear of being accused of a rape, but because knowing the impetuosity of her temper and her furious passions, he feared she would by word or action betray herself and therefore hoped the tye of an oath might check her and save her from ruining herself in the manner she has done; that he is certain she had no design to tell this story, but that some body or other had worked her up to it, and to convince the Board more fully that she had no such intentions, he instanced in many particulars which showed there must still be an intimacy and familiar correspondence carried on between them long after her coming ashore, since she had told him many secrets of the family and made complaints to him of unkind usage she fancied she had received; this being mostly confessed by her to be true she was dismissed, after which the Captain being ordered to withdraw, Mr. Burton who had sat during the examination likewise withdrew and the Board agreed

That there did not appear sufficient cause to say a rape to the Captain's charge and therefore that he be discharged from his confinement; after which he was called in and acquainted therewith, but at the same time told that [his] conduct with relation to this young woman would be a perpetual blot on him, since she was under his care and protection, which he endeavoured to answer insinuating that she was loose before she came on board, but which he had no proof to support and was therefore stopped from proceeding in this sort of defence.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Nicholas Morse—
William Monson—George Torriano.

[March] 1. Arrived brigantine *Rebecca*, John Baptist Nicholas Mascal, from Maddepollam with bales and another copy of a general letter of the 29th January inclosing an additional indent for wares and stores.

Arrived ship *Nossa Senhora deConcecao*, Anthony Correa de Souza, from Macao.

2. Arrived brigantine *Mahomud Moraad*, Abu Becker, from Vizagapatam.

Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 28th ultimo.

CONSULTATION, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4,1741.

The three last Consultations read and signed.

The President [reads] the cash account for last month, the [ballance] whereof now compared with the cash chests is sixty four thousand two hundred seventy one current pagodas twenty six fanams and thirteen cash (64,271-26-13) and three hundred forty seven (347) Madrass pagodas, which is carried forward.

Agreed that five thousand (5,000) pagodas be advanced the Paymaster for the charges of the running month.

Ordered that the additional indent for wares and stores for Maddepollam be complied with by the first vessel bound thither.

General letter No. 25 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 28th ultimo read, acknowledging the receipt of the flints and wares and stores sent them, inclosing a copy and translate of another letter from Ragojee Bosalla to the Deputy Governour, the Master of the sloop *Carolina's* petition for his discharge, their monthly papers for January and cash account for last month and proposing the sending a vakeel and present to the Moratta General.

Which proposal being taken into consideration, and that we have been long of opinion it might be proper to send the Moratta Generals a present whenever an opportunity should offer of doing it in such manner that it might appear to proceed from our regard and respect for them rather than our fear, and being now of opinion that this letter of Ragojee Bosalla's to Mr. Hubbard is a fair opening to commence a friendly correspondence with them, and beleiving for several reasons, besides saving of a double expence, it would be more proper that the present with a vackeel should be sent as from hence. The purport of a letter to Ragojee Bosalla from the President and also the purport of a letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David relating to this affair were agreed upon.

Most of the goods for presents which we have in the warehouse being more proper for the Moors than Morattas, Coja Petrus was sent for and discoursed with concerning what things to send upon this occasion and directions given him to bring us musters against next Consultation.

The Deputy Governour and Council at Fort St. David having proposed to withdraw their out-guards so soon as they hear the Morattas are in possession of Tritchanopoly, agreed to tell them that we approve thereof for the reasons they give in the said letter.

Agreed also that the Master of the *Carolina* sloop's petition for his discharge be granted.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—
WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

The Hon'ble United Company's Cash *Dr.*	Pags.	fns.	c.
1. To ballance brought from last month's account ...	1,00,126	10	7
8. To Tonta Vencataish, farmer of the butteca rent and shroff duty received 3 months' rent due the 31st July last ...	102	18	0
To Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chittee, betle and tobacco farmers received 1 month's rent due the 5th ultimo	833	12	0
To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received in further part of his December ballance	2,575	11	30
23. To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants ...	5,000	0	0
To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received in further ballance of that account for last month ...	2,000	0	0
To William Monson, Land Customer, received the ballance of that account for last month	592	11	75
To George Torriano, Storekeeper, received in part the ballance of that account for last month	2,000	0	0
T Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chittee received 1 month's rent of the betle and tobacco farm due the 5th instant	833	12	0
To Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence received 1 month's rent due the 5th instant	335	0	0
To Tonta Vencataish, farmer of the butteca rent and shroff duty, received 3 month's rent due the 31st October last ...	102	18	0
Current Pags. ...	1,14,500	21	3[2]
23. To ballance brought from last month's account	347	0	0

Per Contra. *Cr.*	Pags.	fns.	c.
8. By Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, advanced him to pay for paddy ...	5,000	0	0
By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, advanced him for the charges of the running month ...	5,000	0	0
16. By Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, advanced him to pay for rice ...	2,000	0	0
By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, advanced him more towards the charges of the running month	2,000	0	0
23. By Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, advanced him for the ballance due to him on his account for last month and for the washers ...	1,000	0	0
By Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, advanced him to pay for rice sent to Fort St. David on the *George* and a country boat	2,548	31	40
By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, paid him the ballance of his account for last month ...	3,396	35	59
By George Torriano, Storekeeper, advanced to pay for timbers and planks	3,088	0	0
By Telesinga Chittee and Nellamoota Comrapa Chittee advanced them on account of goods brought in	4,000	0	0
By Linga Chittee, advanced him for 20,000 Madrass pagodas to be provided by him at 11 per cent. batta	22,200	0	0
	50,228	31	19
By ballance carried to next month's account	64,271	26	13
Current pagodas ...	1,14,500	21	32
By ballance carried to next month's account ... ... Madrass Pagodas	347	0	0

Errors Excepted.
per
RICHARD BENYON.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1741.

The Paymaster representing the draw-bridge leading to the Island to be quite worn out, ordered that a new one be made.

The Export Warehousekeeper wanting another assistant in the absence of Mr. Greenhaugh, Mr. Arthur Rider is ordered to that service.

It being near the approach of the southerly monsoon, it is agreed to order the *Cæsar's* treasure ashoar, and an order to Captain Cummings for that purpose is now signed.

Coja Petrus attending the Board several things were pitched upon as part of the present to Ragojee Bosalla to be sent from hence to Fort St. David, the particulars of which are entered after this Consultation.

The draught of a letter from the President to Rahgojee Bosalla and a general letter to Fort St. David were read and approved and ordered to be drawn out fair to be sent tomorrow with the presents by a mussoola. The letter to Rahgojee Bosalla is entered after this consultation and that to Fort St. David in our Book of Letters Sent, No. 26.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

LIST OF SUNDRIES TO BE SENT TO FORT ST. DAVID AS PART OF A PRESENT INTENDED FOR RAHGOJEE BOSALLA.

			Pags.	fns.	c.
3.	Pieces superfine scarlet broad cloth ...	... at 29 Pagodas	87	0	0
6.	„ crimson china velvets ...	... „ 12 „	72	0	0
2.	Fine silk carpets	... „ 20 „	40	0	0
6.	Pieces suzanees	... „ 3 „	18	0	0
5.	„ fine white dorias	... „ 5 „	25	0	0
5.	„ fine mullmulls	... „ 5 „	25	0	0
5.	„ fine cossas	... „ 5 „	25	0	0
12.	„ china gold flower'd kimtoans ...	... „ 12 „	144	0	0
4.	„ silk gause	... „ 10 „	40	0	0
7.	„ china flower'd velvets ...	... „ 16 „	112	0	0
4.	„ dooreas dum	... „ 3½ „	14	0	0
4.	„ cossae battadars large ...	... „ 3½ „	14	0	0
6.	„ ditto small ...	... „ 2½ „	15	0	0
2.	„ mulmull battadars	... „ 3 „	6	0	0
71	Pieces	... Pagodas	637	0	0

TO RAHGOJEE BOSALLA, SUBAH GENERAL OF THE MORATTA ARMY, MARCH 5TH, 1740–41.

Lately I have received from Mr. Hubbard the Deputy Governour of Tevenepatam a copy of the letter you wrote him by Nauganauthia, and observed the contents. I am much pleased with the friendship you express for the English, and you may be assured we are very willing to cultivate it. Mr. Hubbard acquaints me that he had complained to you some of the people belonging to your army had entered the bounds of Tevenepatam, and done some damage to the inhabitants; such proceedings will always be attended with mischief, and therefore I was very glad to read you had promised him that you would lay your strict taukeed that no one should give him any molestation in future. By this I observe that you are too truly our friend, and therefore I have resolved to send a vakeel on purpose to assure you of our friendship and regard for you. I have also sent some things to Mr. Hubbard who will write you the particulars and send them to you from Tevenepatam together with our vakeel, and I referr you to Mr. Hubbard for what further he shall write you, and what else will be told you by our vakeel of our inclinations to preserve the friendship between us.

[March] 6. Sailed ship *Britania,* John Horder, for Bengal with a general letter of the 28th ultimo.

This evening dispatched a mussoola for Fort St. David with the present for Rahgojee Bosalla and a general letter of this date.

7. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a duplicate of the general letter dated yesterday.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1741.

The two last Consultations read and signed.

The Secretary produces to the Board a note sent him this morning by Captain Cummings, apologizing for his having so long delayed the giving his reasons for coming in here, which is ordered to be entered hereafter.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, pays in six thousand two hundred (6,200) pagodas on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants.

The merchants complaining that for want of a large proportion of ordinary red and green broad cloth they find a difficulty in disposing of the auroras, the Board considering that we indented for two hundred bales of ordinary reds and greens by the *Hardwicke,* agreed that what we have of those two sorts in warehouse be delivered the merchants as they call for it upon the usual terms.

The President produces to the Board translate of a letter to himself and another to Coja Petrus from Meer Assad, one of the Nabob's ministers, the consideration of which is deferr'd till we hear further from Fort St. David.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—
WILLIAM MONSON—GEORGE TORRIANO.

To MR. SAVAGE.

Sir,

I am obliged to you for sending to me about what shou'd have been done before this time, if many troublesome matters had not interfer'd with my intentions.

If any mention shou'd be made of it this day, I request your making an apology for me, assuring his Honour and Council that I will give my reasons for touching at the Port the next Consultation. I am, Sir, You most humble servant,

Monday morning, ROBERT CUMMINGS.
9th March.

[March] 9. Arrived brigantine *Diana* [. . .] Gossard from Pondicherry. Sailed brigantine *Rebecca*, John Baptist Nicholas Mascal, for Maddapollam.
10. Arrived ship *Vencata Latchmia*, Nukana, from Callingapatam.
12. Sailed brigantine *Diana*, [. . .] Gossard, for Maddapollam.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1741.

Petition from the officers of the *Cæsar* read, complaining of being ill treated by Captain Robert Cummings, the Commander of the said ship, but the said petition containing only a general complaint of ill treatment, and the Board supposing that the instances they have to alledge to support the same are different, ordered the Secretary to acquaint the officers that we think it proper they should lay before the Board their particular complaints seperately in writing, and when they do so that he give Capt. Cummings copies thereof and also copy of their general petition.

Mr. Burton then addressing himself to the Board told them that being satisfied of their integrity and ability to judge in this affair, he begged to be excused from acting in it, because the great injury his family had suffered from Captain Cummings might induce him and perhaps other persons to think he should not be so impartial as he ought to be, he therefore hoped they would permit him to withdraw from the Board whenever any thing relating to this business should be transacted there, which request is agreed to.

A country vessell being bound to Maddapollam in a day or two, ordered that the wares and stores indented for from thence be sent thither on her.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—
WILLIAM MONSON.

[March] 13. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 11th instant.

CONSULTATION, FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1741.

General letter No. 26 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 11th instant read advising the arrival of the things we sent them by a mussoola to make up a present to Rahgojee Bosalla, but which they should deferr sending till they knew our resolutions concerning the sending a present and letter to Futta Sing also.

The reasons given in the said letter for sending a present also to Futta Sing being taken into consideration together with what Meer Assad wrote the President

in a letter mentioned in Consultation the 9th instant, and also that if the things sent before should be divided, the present to each of the Generals would be very small and mean, except the gentlemen at St. David have more things to add thereto than we know of; Coja Petrus was sent for and desired to get some more things of the same sort as those which were provided to send to Rahgojee Bosalla, and that the same together with a letter from the President to Futta Sing, as copied hereafter be sent by a mussoola to Fort St. David this evening.

As the Council may not be setting when Coja Petrus has got the things ready to send to Fort St. David, and no time is to be lost in sending them away, the President is desired to write Mr. Hubbard that if there be more than he thinks may be wanted that he keep them for some other occasion.

Mr. Barton then withdrew.

The mates and surgeon of the *Cæsar* waiting without with their respective complaints against Captain Cummings, and he also attending they were called in and their petition were read and several witnesses examined, but as the Board observed that the proceedings herein would be the subject of several consultations agreed they should be entered in a section apart that the whole may be laid before our Hon'ble Masters in one view.

RICHARD BENYON— RANDALL FOWKE— AUGUSTUS BURTON— NICHOLAS MORSE— WILLIAM MONSON.

TO FUTTA SING, GENERAL OF MORATTA ARMY,
MARCH 13th, 1740-41.

The Deputy Governour of Tevenepatam having advised me that he had received a very friendly letter from Rahgojee Bosalla, I resolved to send a vakeel on purpose with a letter from myself to that General, and as I have that opportunity of writing to you, I would not omit it, and have ordered my vakeel to wait upon with this to assure you of the respect I have for your person and great qualities. Our vakeel will assure you of our sincere inclinations to continue the friendship between us, and I referr you to him, and what more will be wrote you by the Governour of Tevenepatam to whom I have sent several things, the particulars of which he will advise you and of which I desire your acceptance. They are not worthy to be sent to so great a General, but [I only] intend them as mark of my respect for your person, and your acceptance of them will add to their value.

[March] 13. Sent by a country boat to Maddapollam some stores, a letter of this date.

Dispatched a mussoola to Fort St. David with more goods for presents and a general letter of this date.

14. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a copy of the general letter of yesterday.

Received by peons from Ingeram a general letter of 21st February.

Arrived brigantine *Jenny*, Thomas Clarke, from Vizagapatam.

15. Arrived ships *Mercury*, William Clarke, and *Daudoo Elihu*, Abdull Hadjee Dulla, from Bengal.

16. Arrived ship *St. Thomas*, John Thorp, from Manilha.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1741.

The three last Consultations read and signed.

General letter No. 27 from the Resident at Ingeram of the 21st ultimo read, requesting a supply of money, advising that through the assistance of Immaum Sahib the French pagodas were become current there, and that their taking in such bad cloth and of such short measure is a great impediment to his investment.

Letter from Captain Cummings of the *Cæsar* read as entered hereafter giving his reasons for coming to his port.

The President reads the Mint account current for last month, ballance remaining in the mint fanams four hundred and eight thousand and ninety six (4,08,096) and doodoos two hundred and four thousand six hundred seventy two (2,04,672) due to the mint nineteen pagodas ten fanams and fifteen cash (19-10-15) which is carried forward.

The Accountant reads the journal parcels for the month of January.

The banksalls for grain which used to be made under the walls of the White Town being by a late order removed further off, the Sea Customer acquaints the Board that he had been obliged to entertain three additional peons to watch them which appearing necessary is approved.

Agreed that eleven hundred ninety three pagodas eighteen fanams (1,193-18.) be advanced the Export Warehousekeeper to pay for the goods sent to Fort St. David for presents to the Moratta Generals.

Letter from Mr. Holland Goddard read as entered hereafter, upon which the Board ordered that he be struck out of the list of servants under this Presidency, and agreed to appoint Mr. Robert Allen now at Fort St. David to be Deputy Paymaster.

The *Cæsar* being now shifting and wanting somewhat heavy in the room of lead and iron, agreed to send on board her thirty tons of redwood, and that we cannot send any more of that or any salt petre till we know whether we shall dispatch her to the Bay or to England.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE— WILLIAM MONSON.

TO THE HON'BLE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I have received an order from you to give my reasons (in writing) for coming to this port, pursuant to which I proceed to assign my reasons for so doing.

When I got near the latitude of this [place]. I made a strict enquiry into the state of my ship's company and found twenty men were so much afflicted with the scurvy that they were totally incapable of duty; there were likewise ten more so much touched with the same disorder that in all probability they had been quite useless to the ship in a few days, this very weak state of my ship's company obliged me to think of refreshment for them, especially as I apprehended the danger of a long and tedious passage to Bengal. I weighed all circumstances maturely that related to this important affair, after which I called a consultation of my officers, the result of which was to refresh at this port, in order to prevent any danger that might otherwise happen to the ship by proceeding towards Bengal with a sick and weak crew, an additional motive for calling here was my hopes that the ship might be usefull in carrying treasure or goods from this Presidency to Fort William.

My conduct on this occasion, I hope will meet the approbation of my hon'ble employers. I am, with great respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble and obedient servant,

ROBERT CUMMINGS.

Fort St. George,
[17th] March, 1740-41.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &ca., COUNCIL.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Whereas your honour &ca. were pleased to permit me to come to Bengall for settling my affairs with Mr. Weston, lately a bankrupt and in my debt as now appears upwards of forty four thousand rupees (44,000) for which I have but little to expect from Mr. Weston.

And whereas [Humffreyes] Cole Esqr. hath been pleased to invite me to his assistance in the Counting House, as well in regard to the Company's affairs as his own, untill the Hon'ble Company's pleasure shall be known, either for my return to Fort St. George, or my continuance in the Company's service at Bengall, according to a petition I have sent to my brother to be preferred in England and recommended by Humffreyes Cole Esqr. to some of the gentlemen in the direction.

I humbly pray your honour &ca. will consider my losses and permit me still to enjoy the honour I have born in the service for upwards of nineteen years, and that my best endeavours in the Company's service here, may be accepted as an atonement for my absence from Fort St. George untill I receive an answer from England, which will lay a lasting obligation on, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient and faithfull humble servant,

Patna, HOLLAND GODDARD.
January 20th, 1740–41.

[March] 21. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 19th instant.

22. Arrived ship *Thomas*, John Young, from Bengal.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

General letter No. 28 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 19th instant read, advising the receipt of the copy of our letter of the [13th] sent them overland, but that the [mussoola] was [not] arrived with the goods for presents and that Tritchanopoly was surrendred to the Morattas, and requesting a supply of three or four thousand pagodas worth of fanams as soon as possible.

Agreed to send four thousand (4,000) pagodas worth of fanams by a mussoola to Fort St. David tomorrow.

The Accountant produces the accounts salary due to the Hon'ble Company's servants for the last six months ending the 25th instant amounting to sixteen hundred and sixty pagodas twenty eight fanams and twenty four cash (1,660–28–24) which is ordered to be then paid.

The shifting of the southerly monsoon being near at hand, and it sometimes blowing hard at that season, ordered that the Secretary send Captain Cummings of the *Cæsar* a copy of the caution against fire, and to keep on board as much as possibly he can.

Ordered that the list of the things last sent to Fort St. David to make up the presents to the Moratta Generals be entered after this Consultation.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, delivers in six thousand (6,000) pagodas worth of fanams for the intended supply for Fort St. David, and to advance the Paymaster.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—
NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

ACCOUNT SALARY DUE TO THE HON'BLE COMPANY'S SERVANTS FROM THE 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1740, TO THE 25TH MARCH, 1741, VIZT :—

		£	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
The Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr., Governour	...at £ 200 per annum	100	0	0			
Gratuity ...	100	50	0	0			
		150	0	0	333	12	0
Randall Fowke Esqr., 2nd of Council ...	100	50	0	0	111	4	0
Augustus Burton Esqr., 3rd do. ..	70	35	0	0	77	28	0
Nicholas Morse Esqr., 4th do. ...	50	25	0	0	55	20	0
William Monson Esqr., 5th do. ...	40	20	0	0	44	16	0
George Torriano Esqr., 6th do. ...	40	20	0	0	44	16	0
Messrs John Graham, Senior merchant...	40	20	0	0	44	16	0

						£	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
Mathew Empson	...	£ 40				20	0	0	44	16	0
John Stratton	...	40				20	0	0	44	16	0
Holland Goddard to the 19th March	...	40				19	7	8	43	12	53
John Hammond	...	40				20	0	0	44	16	0
William Johnson	...	40				20	0	0	44	16	0
John Savage	...	40	20	0	0						
Gratuity as Secretary	...	10	5	0	0						
Clerk of the Peace	...	45	22	10	0						
						47	10	0	105	20	0
Samuel Harrison, Senior merchant	...	40				20	0	0	44	16	0
Edward Fowke to the 6th January Junior merchant	...	30				10	1	8	22	14	53
Edward Michell to the 6th January Junior merchant	...	30				15	0	0	33	12	0
Sidney Foxall Factor	...	15	7	10	0						
Assaymaster	...	80	40	0	0						
						47	10	0	105	20	0
Cornelius Goodwin, Factor .	...	15				7	10	0	16	24	0
William Holt	...	15				7	10	0	16	24	0
Samuel Greenhaugh ...	...	15				7	10	0	16	24	0
Richard Starke from 29th December Factor		15	3	11	8						
to Do. Writer		5	1	6	1						
						4	17	9	10	31	0
Charles Bodam Do.	...	5				2	10	0	5	20	0
John Hallyburton Do.	...	5				2	10	0	5	20	0
Henry Powney Do.	...	5				2	10	0	5	20	0
Samuel Affleck Do.	...	5				2	10	0	5	20	0
George Pigot Do.	...	5				2	10	0	5	20	0
John Legg from 7th February Do.	...	5				0	13	4	1	17[2]	
Grantham Mead Do. Do.	...	5				0	13	4	1	17[2]	
Arthur Rider Do. Do.	...	5				2	10	0	5	20	0
Foss Westcott from 7th Feb. Do.	...	5				0	13	4	1	17 [2]	
Alexander Wynch Do.	...	5				2	10	0	5	20	0
John Smith Do.	...	5				2	10	0	5	20	0
John Churchey Do.	...	5				2	10	0	5	20	0

			P.	f.	c.	£	s.	d.	Pags.	fns.	c.
The Revd. Robert Wynch, Chaplain	at £ 100	50	111	4	0	136	0	0	302	8	0
The Revd. Eden Howard	100	50	111	4	0						
Nathaniel Barlow, Surgeon	36	18	40	0	0						
Robert Douglas Do.	36	18	40	0	0						
						747	7	1	1,660	28[2]	

Fort St. George, Errors Excepted per RANDALL FOWKE,
25th March, 1741. Accountant.

LIST OF SUNDRIES SENT BY MUSSOOLA TO FORT ST. DAVID TO MAKE UP THE PRESENTS TO THE MORATTA GENERALS.

					Pags.	fns.	c.
Broad Cloth, scarlet ...	...	3	pieces.	at 29 Pagodas	87	0	0
China gold mushazars, 3 sorts	...	14	„	„ 12 per piece.	168	0	0
Flowr'd velvets ...	...	10	„	16 „	160	0	0
Red velvets	...	6	„	12 „	72	0	0
Flower'd lute strings ...	...	6	„	8 „	48	0	0
Silk carpets	...	3	„	20 „	60	0	0
Flower'd suzanees ...	...	6	„	3 „	18	0	0
Fine doorreas ...	...	7	„	5 „	35	0	0
Fine mulmulls ...	...	7	„	5 „	35	0	0
Gauze fine	...	5	„	4½ „	22	18	0
Flower'd gauze jamavar ...	...	10	„	2½ „	25	0	0
	Pieces	77		Pagodas	730	18	0

Fort St. George,
13th March, 1740–41.

[March] 24. Dispatched a mussoola to Fort St. David with a supply of fanams.
25. Arrived ship *Mahomudbux*, Hussain Meah, from Tenasseree.
29. Arrived ship *Ramkissenseat*, David Graham, from Manilha.
30. Arrived ship *Nagonaut*, Coja Artoon, from Tenasseree.
Sailed ship *Mercury*, William Clarke, for Bengal.
Received by peons general letters from Vizagapatam of the 8th and from Fort St. David of the 27th inst.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1741.

General letters read vizt.

No. 29, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 27th instant advising their having sent away the presents to the Moratta Generals, inclosing the list thereof with copies of their instructions to the vackeel and of the Deputy Governour's letters to the Generals, as entered after the said letter and requesting a speedy supply of fanams.

No. 30 from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam of the 8th instant in answer to ours of the 26th February and inclosing an indent for wares and stores.

Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, reads that account for last month vizt.

	Pags.	fns.	c.	
Custom on goods	4,668	18	0	
Do. grain	1,059	25	60	
Anchorage	34	0	0	
	5,762	7	60,	ballance

due from him nine thousand eight hundred ninety two pagodas nineteen fanams and forty four cash (9,892–19–44) of which he pays in nine thousand two hundred and eight (9,208) pagodas.

Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, sends to desire an advance of one thousand (1,000) pagodas for the painters, which is agreed.

He also sends in that account for last month which is now read, ballance due from him two hundred fifty one pagodas and fifty three cash (251–0–53) which is carried forward.

Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, sends in his account for last month which is now read vizt.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges garrison	2,996	26	41
Do. diet	583	12	0
Do. cattle	66	24	0
Fort Marlbrô	10	0	0
Account current, London	56	5	40
Charges extraordinary	261	19	30
Do. hospital	52	1	0
Do. general	703	3	48
Fort St. David	122	20	0
Black Town wall	2,563	17	30
Repairs of fortifications	70	27	60
Pagodas	7,486	13	9

ballance due to him four hundred eighty six pagodas thirteen fanams and nine cash (486–13–9) which is ordered to be paid him.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in his account are entered hereafter.

William Monson, Land Customer, reads that account for last month, Vizt.

	Pags.	fns.	c.	
Choultry customs...	479	13	64	
Registering slaves	0	8	0	
	479	21	64	ballance

due from him four hundred sixty six pagodas thirty one fanams and sixty four cash (466–61–64) which he now pays in.

George Torriano, Storekeeper, his account for last month read, ballance due from him thirteen hundred and ninety pagodas nine fanams and forty cash (1,390–9–40) which is carried forward.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, reads that account for last month ballance due from him fourteen hundred seventy six pagodas twelve fanams thirty seven cash (1,476–12–37) of which he pays in one thousand (1,000) pagodas.

Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chittee, beetle and tobacco farmers pay in eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (833–12–0) for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence, pay in three hundred thirty five (335) pagodas for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

The Paymaster sends in as entered hereafter the Surgeon's indent for necessaries for the hospital which appearing larger than the former indents, the reason of it was enquired into and found to be that no indent was made the last year, wherefore the Paymaster was ordered to comply with it.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—WILLIAM MONSON.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1740–41, ARISE AS FOLLOWS, VIZT.

				Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges garrison—						
Sundry stores laid in for the use of the garrison				723	3	60
Charges extraordinary—						
Paid for dieting choultry prisoners this month ...	2	33	0			
Marshal's note for dieting a lunatick soldier ...	2	0	0			
Allowance money to Mr. Aikman's child ...	2	0	0			
House rent for the Rev. Mr. Wynch ...	7	0	0			
A smith attending the shroff to beat down bad pagodas. ...	0	35	0			
Paid for Captain Coxen's diet in the hospital ...	24	0	0			
Boat hire sending do. on board the Europe ship ...	0	5	0			
Boat for carrying the packet on Board ...	0	5	0			
Boat for carrying a packet to Fort St. David ...	0	10	0			
Gave the boat fellows a present	4	6	60			
Gave Imaum Sahib's mouldar upon receiving a present. ...	0	11	10			
Batta allowed the following peons.						
Peddanaigues 170, Gruapanaigues 80 } 250 at fns. 30 per month ...	208	12	0			
				261	19	30
Charges general—						
Paid 100 extraordinary peons this month ...	85	18	0			
Batta abroad and at home	36	11	40			
Making of Cheveux d' freize materials and workmen	8	22	20			
Making of horses materials and workmen ...	24	5	20			
				154	21	0
Fort Marlborough—						
Allowance money to Rajah Culaden and servants				10	0	0
Account current, London—						
Paid Mr. Flint for diet and loading and money advanced him for his voyage to China				56	5	40
St. David—						
Advanced money to lascars sent there				122	20	0
[Repairs of] Town Wall—						
[Materials] used and workmen employ'd as per book account particulars				2,563	17	30
Repairs of Fortifications—						
Materials used and workmen employed in sundry places as per book account particulars				70	27	60
Pagodas				3,962	6	60

LIST OF NECESSARIES WANTING FOR THE USE OF THE HOSPITAL.

Shirts	200
Drawers	200
Caps	200
Pillow cases	200
Pillows	80
Quilts	100
Gowns	100
Cotlashing	40 Pair.
Cotts	20

NATHANIEL BARLOW—ROBERT DOUGLAS.

Fort St. George, 29TH MARCH, 1741.

April. 1. Arrived the Hon'ble Company's sloop *Princess Louisa*, Jonathan Ransom, from Bengal with stores and general letters of the 19th and 27th February.

Arrived ship *Nossa Senhora de Rozario,* Antonio Varella, from Macao.

2. Arrived ship *Nossa Senhora de Piedade,* Antonio Hares Fereira, from Macao; ship *Merah Madut,* Sidoo Pillah, from Tenassaree; ship *Catchaalee Sura,* from Junk Ceyloan; sloop *Anne,* Edward Richards from Bengal.

CONSULTATION, FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1741.

General letters No. 31 and 32 from the President and Council of Fort William read, the first dated the 19th February being a duplicate of what they wrote us by the sloops *Calcutta* and *Fort St. George* not yet arrived, relating to the stores sent us on them, advising the commotions in the country about them, adding that they cannot send us any recruits of men and advising the dispatch of the *Princess of Wales, Heathcote* and *Durrington* for England; the other dated the 27th February advising of the stores sent us on the sloop *Princess Louisa,* that they have endeavoured without success to raise recruits for us and that their Nabob had taken possession of the city of Cuttack.

The gentlemen at Vizagapatam wanting another writing assistant, agreed to order Mr. Robert Goodere thither from Maddapollam, that Mr. John Churchey do go on the *Triton* to assist Mr. Goddard in his stead, and that Thomas Pelling a monthly writer at Vizagapatam be discharged on Mr. Goodere's arrival there pursuant to our Hon'ble Masters orders.

The President reads the cash accounts for last month, ballance remaining now compared with the cash chests seventy four thousand nine hundred seventy four current pagodas ten fanams and forty four cash (74,974-10-44) and three hundred forty seven (347) Madrass pagodas which are carried forward.

Agreed that five thousand (5,000) pagodas be advanced the Paymaster for the disbursements of the running month.

The gentlemen at Vizagapatam having desired a supply of Arcot rupees agreed that five chests of silver be delivered to Linga Chitty who contracts to deliver Arcot rupees [for] the same at 255 [. . .] per 100 ounces of sta[ndard silver].

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—WILLIAM MONSON.

The Hon'ble United Company's Cash, March, 1740–41.

Dr. Per Contra. Cr.

Dr.

1. To ballance brought from last month's account ... ... Pags.	64,271	26	13
9. To William Monson, Import Warehouse-keeper, received of him on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants	6,200	0	0
23. To William Monson, Import Warehouse keeper, received of him in fanams ...	6,000	0	0
30. To Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, received in part the ballance of that account for last month	9,208	0	0
To William Monson, Land Customer, received the balance of that account for last month	466	31	64
To William Monson, Import Warehouse-keeper, received in part the ballance of that account for last month ...	1,000	0	0
To Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chittee received one month's rent of the beetle and tobacco farm due the 5th instant	833	12	0
To Ram Chundra and Gannapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence, received one month's rent due the 5th instant	335	0	0
Current pagodas ..	88,314	33	77

Cr.

4. By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, advanced him for the charges of the running month	5,000	0	0
19. By Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, advanced him to pay for goods sent to Fort St. David for presents to the Moratta generals ...	1,193	18	0
24. By Fort St. David, sent thither by a mussoola in fanams	4,000	0	0
25. By account salary paid it for the last six months ending yesterday ...	1,660	28	24
30. By Augustus Burton, Export Warehouse-keeper, advanced him for the painters	1,000	0	0
By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, paid the ballance of that acconnt for last month	486	13	9
	13,340	23	33
31. By ballance carried to next month's account	74,974	10	44
Current Pagodas ...	88,314	33	77

Dr. Madrass Pagodas ... ... Cr.

1. To ballance brought from last month's account	347	0	0
By ballance carried to next month's account	347	0	0

Errors Excepted
RICHARD BENYON.

[April] 4. Arrived ship *Codahbux*, Ismael Cawn, from Bengal

5. Arrived brigantine *Mary*, Philip Baker, from Fort St. David with bales and a general letter of the 2nd instant

Received by peons a general letter from Fort St. David of the 3rd instant.

6. Arrived the Hon'ble Company's sloop *Calcutta*, William Miller, from Bengal; last from Fort St. David with stores and general letters from the first place of the 19th February, from the other of the 4th instant.

CONSULTATION, TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1741.

General letters read, vizt.—

Nos. 33, 34 and 35 all from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David, the [first] dated the 2nd instant advising the receipt of the fanams sent them the 24th ultimo, and inclos[ing] their monthly papers for February and cash account for March. The second dated the 3rd instant accompanying ninety eight bales of calicoes [on] the *Mary* brigantine and advising that they [have two] hundred bales more ready embaled for the [*George*] when we shall think proper to order her, [the] other dated the 4th instant inclosing copy of [the] Bengal general letter to them by the sloop *Calcutta*, advising what stores they had taken out of her, and that they return us on her the pistol powder they complained of in their letter of [. . .] February.

The general letter from Bengal to [this] Presidency by the *Calcutta* is the original of No. 31, before received.

William Monson, Import Warehouse keeper pays in five thousand (5,000) Pags. on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants.

The Storekeeper sends in two thousand (2,000) pagodas on account of iron sold.

George Torriano, Rental General and Scavinger, sends in his accounts for the roll ending ultimo August 1739, Vizt.

As Scavinger ballance due from him one hundred ninety pagodas twenty six fanams and forty six cash (199-26-46) which is now paid in.

As Rental General ballance due from him five hundred ninety five pagodas nineteen fanams, (595-19) of which sixty (60) pagodas is now paid in, the rest being expended in charges since 1st September last, which will be paid out of the first moneys collected on account the roll ending August 31st 1740.
Bad debts allowed to be wrote off Vizt :—

On account quitrents	Pags.	39	5	0
On account Scavinger's duty	„	11	26	0
		50	31	0

fifty pagodas thirty one fanams, the increase in the bad debts being occasioned principally by the inhabitants of the houses lately pulled down refusing to pay their notes.

The President acquaints the Board that having received information that several bags of money were discovered in town sealed with counterfeit seals, he had directed the poligar to endeavour to find out the guilty persons who upon good information had taken up two of the town shroffs named Triveloor Audemoolum and Copertee Subah who being now examined before the Board together with a seal cutter and a servant of Copertee Subah, the said two shroffs were found guilty, Triveloor Audemoolum by his own confession and Copertee Subah by the testimony of his servant and the seal cutter of having seal[ed] several bags of money with a counterfeit seal [and] were thereupon committed to the choultry till [the] Board should resolve what punishment to inflict upon them.

The seal cutter was acquitted, [as] appearing he did not understand the character he engraved on the seal, and that he was paid more for his work than is usually paid for cutting a seal.

The President also acquaints the Board that upon these two shroffs being taken up, he had ordered the poligar and the town conicoply to seal up their houses, which were ordered to remain so till further directions should be given therein.

Though it did not appear upon this examination that much money had been sealed by these two shroffs, and though no others have yet been discovered as guilty of the like practice, it is certain that a more considerable sum has been sealed [by] a counterfeit seal, and of course this discovery [brought] on a debate concerning the state of the coin current in this place, an affair which has of late been frequently under consideration and how far it [was] in our power to put a stop to the present abuse [and] to prevent the like in future. We could long [since] have wished that any pagoda we should coin [here] could have been established as the current money of this place and in the country about us, but [the] success which attended the coining of the M[adras] pagodas together with the reasons given in [Consultation] the 28th July 1735, have always hitherto deterred us from resolving on that expedient. [The] reasons which induced us to order the shroff to seal no pagodas under 80¼ touch have been [long] since given and are well known, and it was hoped that a due care in the execution of the [trust] reposed in [him] would have been effectual to pre[vent] any pagodas of a worse touch being brought out of the country, but the wicked part he has since acted is notorious and it may be proper here to sett forth the opportunity he had for it.

It has been a known practice time out of mind for the Company's shroff to seal all the pagodas current in the place into bags containing one thousand each, a method introduced for the convenience of the inhabitants and to save the trouble of counting over large sum of money, and those bags passed current without opening as it had not been known that the shroffs had been guilty of any abuse or mistake. And so long as the Government in the country took care that all the money coined in their mints should be of equal weight and fineness little more was necessary or expected from the shroffs than to be exact in the tale of the bags sealed by them. After the present shroff had directions to seal no pagodas under 80¼ touch he continued the same method of sealing only bags of 1000 pagodas each, till disputes arising among the inhabitants whether the loose money had

passed the shroff's seal, he fell into a method of sealing smaller sums. For example if a man had a sealed bag of one thousand pagodas and was to pay 475 to one person and 525 to another, he would send to the shroff to return him those two sums sealed separately and so for any other sums required; others would desire bags sealed of 100, and so downwards as small as ten pagodas and some few into bags of five pagodas. When any person found himself possessed of any number of small bags he would send for the shroff to seal them into bags of 1000 each, and so again as his occasions required have 1000 sealed into small bags. By this method it has been very rare that within these two years past any loose money has been paid [or] received by the inhabitants, smaller payments than the sealed bags having generally been made in fanams. But though [this] method contributed to their ease by preventing [many] disputes and to which there could have been no objection if the shroff had been honest, yet it did [in] effect give him an opportunity to abuse his tru[st] and to seal a great deal of bad money before it [was] discovered; for by this method finding every thing quiet, all disputes over about the touch of the [pagodas] and that the credit of his seal made all that he sealed pass current, without considering that sooner or later he must be detected, he was wicked enough to seal a great deal of the country money considerably worse than 80 touch and no doubt was well rewarded by those who brought it in.

It is not certainly known at what time he began this iniquitous practice, but so [soon] as it was discovered the President with the privi[ty] of the Board ordered his seals to be locked up by [one] of the Company's servants and no money sealed [but] in his presence with directions that if any loose money should come to be sealed four or five pagodas should be taken out promiscuously and assayed in [the] mint. This was ordered as a temporary reme[dy] such time as the Board could resolve upon [some] more effectual method to prevent such abuse [as] this or any other shroff; and as it was not bel[ieved] at that time that the quantity of sealed money [in the] town was so much as has since appeared, it was hoped that by care in sealing no more of the [country] money under 80 touch, the course of our trade thither would have enabled us to have cleared the town of all such as were under, as very [little] if any difference was made there in the currency of any between 70 and 80, at least the Board thought proper to take time to consider maturely of an affair which was pretty delicate in it's nature which might [have] very great effects upon the commerce of the place.

But notwithstanding this strictness in sealing here it had no effect upon the mints in the country to induce them to coin any money of a better touch; they continued to make it worse every week, but not being able to get it sealed here, it would not pass but at a considerable discount and some of it was so bad that it was refused at 15 and 16 per cent. Upon which the importers finding themselves disappointed in their expectations of passing them here carried them out of town and put them upon the Dutch at Pulliacat in payment for spice who had received 60,000 of them before they found out the deceit. In the mean time though it was generally beleived there was a good deal of low money mixt with that of 80 touch in our bags, yet the credit of the shroff's seal gave them a currency equal to 80 touch, insomuch that but [a] few days ago the sealed bags were bought up in the buzar at 37 fanams the pagoda, but which if opened many of them perhaps would not sell for more than 31 or 32 fanams. This we know to be fact though it may be difficult to assign the true reasons; one may be that there is not a quantity of sealed money sufficient for the currency of the place and as no money but what is sealed will pass current, the scarcity of any thing that is wanted is apt to inhaunce the value, not that we beleive much of it has been carried out of town, because the shroff's seal does not pass in the country; whoever wants to send money thither and is possessed of sealed money may for 100 pagodas buy 110 to 116 of the country pagodas which will pass there as well as our sealed money loose, for which reason we may be sure none of it will be carried out of town, till they coin

money in the country of the same value. But as there is at present little probability of that we find ourselves oppressed with this difficulty, that so long as the sealed money is current and yet not enough for the currency of the place the merchants find it impracticable to make their payments regularly and have therefore lately made great application that we would think of some means to releive them either by giving some currency to the country money or coining their gold in our mint.

In debating this affair it was considered that the country money being at so great a discount, it was a very great temptation to the present or any other shroff to abuse his trust which all the care we can take in our present method will not be effectual to prevent; for he may have the same seals at his own house, as those which are locked up in the fort; neither it is certain but some of the money which appears under a counterfeit seal, may have been sealed by him as well as by those who have been detected at least it may serve him as a pretence to father his own iniquity upon others.

With regard to establishing [the] currency of the country money, we think it [will] be absolutely impracticable for the following reasons. First, for that all the mints in the country do not coin their pagodas of the same standard. Secondly, that all of them alter the standard almost every week and in short [make] them of any touch which the proprietor of the gold desires.

From whence it follows that if we were to fix the value this week we [must] fix another the next, and so as often as the [standard] should be altered; but as the proprietors of such gold endeavour to keep such alteration [secret] great quantities might be brought in and pass[ed] off greatly to the prejudice of the receiver before [it] is discovered that they have further debased, of which the instance mentioned at Pulliacat is an example. For the Dutch having some months before assayed the Trivilore pagodas and found them about 78 touch, they established the discount at 10 per cent; whereas now they refuse them at [less] than five and twenty per cent. But however they [have] received upwards of sixty thousand before they discovered that they were considerably debased below 78 touch. Add to which there would be great trouble in keeping accounts where such variety of money was to pass current, besides a number of other inconveniences and disputes which would unavoidably arise, and which will naturally occur to those who are conversant in trade, and the circulation of money, which renders it unnecessary to be further particular here, except that we must mention that it would still subject us to repose a confidence in some shroff, a thing which is principally to be avoided.

But with regard to coining money in our mint, if such coin could be made current there is reason to hope many of the inconveniences which we labour under at present will be avoided, for as the weight and fineness will be certain, and the pagodas well known to every body by distinguishing stamp, there will be no occasion for the assistance of any shroff in the payment and receipt of them.

The doubts which subsist at present are first, whether they can be made generally current in this place having failed in the attempt to introduce the M M pagodas and secondly, if they could not also pass current in the country whether we should not subject our trade to all the inconveniencies recited at large the 28th July 1735.

In answer to the first objection it was urged that the late President and Council had not gone far enough, in the business when they coined the M M Pagodas for the payments and receipts in those being [confined] only to the Company's business it subjected us to many inconveniencies, which could not have happened if they had been made so at that time without it's being complain'd of as a greivance, as the country money was then near the same weight and fineness, but afterwards when that was debased it became impracticable [and] not to be done without injustice to many who wou[ld] have been without any relief.

But in the present case it has been declared for some years past that no pagodas wo[rse] than $80\frac{1}{4}$ to $80\frac{1}{2}$ touch should be deemed the current money of the place, and all contracts and bargains made for current money ought to be deemed as due and payable in such and none other, and though it has been for some time generally beleived that much of the money sealed by [the] shroff is not so good, yet the credit of his seal has made them pass as such and the standard [by] which the value of the country money has been regulated, it is therefore inferr'd,—

That as we have lately seen that no pagodas would pass as current, but what was sealed by the Shroff, it is reasonable to believe the coining of such, the weight and fineness of which will be generally known, will be more acceptable to the Inhabitants than to be under a necessity to carry on their business in the present method, no person knowing the value of what he receives, and being daily subject to further and greater abuses, and tho' the coining such new money will doubtless be attended with considerable loss to those who are in possession of the Sealed money, it will however secure them from a much greater, which it is almost impossible to avoid in the present method, and as to those who upon a supposition that the sealed money was from $80\frac{1}{4}$ to $80\frac{1}{2}$ touch, and have received the money lately coined in the country at a proportionable discount, they can have no reason to complain at being under a necessity to refine and coin it in our Mint, in order to make it pass current, and here the President acquainted the Board that having discoursed with some of the most eminent Shroffs in the town, he found them very well disposed to assist us in going through with this business, and had promised to put a quantity of gold into the Mint so soon as the Board should resolve on the weight and fineness of the new coin, and at what time it should become current. The President added that the said Shroffs having proposed, that the said new coin should be exactly eighty touch, he objected thereto as a sort of diminishing the coin, but in answer thereto they said they proposed that the weight of an hundred Pagodas should be ten ounces, nineteen penny weight 10·19 which would be near one per cent heavier than the country money.

In answer to the second objection namely, if our new coin will not pass in the country whether we shall not subject our trade to all the inconveniencies recited in Consultation the 28th July 1735, we apprehend that many of them will be got over, if the said new coin is generally current in this place. But with regard to the money we send up into the country, if our coin will not pass current there it will fix a necessity upon us to buy the country money, and in such case the shroffs may have an opportunity to raise and fall the price of them ; but we apprehend they cannot do it to so great a degree when they are paid in a coin that is generally current as when they were paid in the M M Pagodas which never were current. Besides there is a probability that the course of our trade may by degrees force the currency of the new coin, the rather because we are told since much of the country money has been subject to a great discount here, it has made the inhabitants of the country nearest to us look about them and for the most part rather chuse the Madras fanams than the country pagodas, but however our new money may pass in the country, there is great reason to hope there can no consequence arise so bad from endeavouring to make it pass current in their place, as what we have suffered and must still be liable to in our present method.

The Board having spent the morning in debating this affair deferred coming to any conclusion till next Consultation, being desirous of some longer time to consider of it and to have also the assistance of the two gentlemen who are absent.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

Dr. GEORGE TORRIANO, RENTAL GENERAL

1740.

To the amount of the roll ending August 31st 1739 ... ...Pags. 2,365-26

Fort St. George, April 1741
Errors Excepted

PER. GEORGE TORRIANO.
Rental General.

July 28th. By cash paid in Cons. Pags.				300
August 16th „ Do.				200
September 4 „ Do.				30[0]
September 30 „ Do.				30[0]
November 1 „ Do.				35[...]
„ 24 „ Do.				2[...]
By charges Vizt., ...				[...]
Conicoply and peons ...	6	7		
Paper 2 reams	6	4		
Cooley to Tranquebar ...	2	21		
			8	25
Paper, a second time the dates of part of the notes being printed 1740, instead of 1739 which serve for this year ... Pags.	3	2		
Cooley	2	0	5	2
Ruling books				12
By bad debts, occasioned chiefly by houses pulled down				[...]
By ballance				[...]

[April] 8. Sailed brigantine *Triton* [. . .] Ingeram with [. . .] for Maddapollam [. . .] place and Vizagapatam dated [. . .]

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1741.

Mr. Torriano *Sick*.

The President acquaints the Council that the subject of our debate last Consultation having taken air in town had occasioned a stop to all business, and induced him to summon them sooner than he intended, and hoped they came prepared to make some regulations that the commerce of the place might suffer as little interruption as possible, and after some small debate, it was agreed as follows.

That no other pagodas than such as are coined in the Hon'ble Company's Mint of 80 touch every hundred pagodas to weigh ten ounces, nineteen penny weight should from hence forth be deemed the current money of this place, and as considering that all contracts made for the current money of the place have been understood to be due and payable in pagodas from 80¼ to 80½ touch, and as the reason of our establishing this new coin proceeds from a certainty that the money sealed by the Shroff is not near so good, it would be unreasonable as well as unjust to oblige any person to receive such sealed money as lawfull payment, besides if it was necessary, it is easy to demonstrate it would open a door for many to be gainers, which would add to the number of sufferers, and in cases which are publick calamities it is a duty incumbent on those who are in the Government to take all the care in their power that no particular persons should benefit them, therefore it was further ordered, that all contracts made for current money should be understood to be due, and payable in the said pagodas of 80 touch coined in the Company's mint and none other.

Then the state of our trade up the country being considered and the number of strangers who daily come from thence with sums of money to buy goods here and who are unacquainted with our customs and regulations, we believe it would be attended with ill consequences if we should subject them to any penalty for

bringing in the country money, besides that in truth it is only what they bring can furnish us with gold to coin into our money, we think it sufficient that we provide for the security of those who are not professed shroffs, and brought up to understand the touch of gold; besides many other circumstances attending our trade have induced us to think it necessary to permit and allow any of the merchants, or others to make their bargains or contracts for any sort of money which they may think most for their interests ; but to prevent any disputes, we think it proper it should be provided that if the particular money is not specified at the making such bargains or contracts, it shall be understood that the payment was intended to be made in the said pagodas of 80 touch coined in the Company's mint.

Further as it may be also convenient for many persons, especially such who want to send money into the country to receive the country money and yet by this regulation are [. . .] to demand payment in the new money [. . .] to be coined, it was agreed that such persons should be left at liberty to take any other money in payment and receive such batta of the person who pays it, as they can agree for the same.

It is hoped by these regulations the trade of the place may be carried on without any considerable interruption till a quantity of the new money can be coined sufficient for the currency of the place, but as we cannot tell how long that may be, and being also unwilling to furnish any litigious persons with a pretence to be unreasonably troublesome and thinking it also necessary to deprive others of any pretence to evade paying their debts, it is thought proper to order that for and during the space of six months from this time, if any person or persons who are to make payment in the said pagodas of 80 touch shall offer to deposit any other money together with such batta thereon, as shall be reasonable, [and which shall be judged of by any two shroffs indifferently chosen if the parties cannot otherwise agree upon the same]. Such money so offered to be deposited shall be received and accepted for payment,—provided that the person or persons making such deposits shall redeem and take again the money so deposited by making payment in the said pagodas of eighty touch within thirty days from the making such deposit and no interest shall be paid or demanded during the time of the said deposit if it does not exceed thirty days as aforesaid.

As we think it necessary at this juncture to give all possible encouragement to the merchants to coin their gold in the mint, and it may give some ease and satisfaction to such as are possessed of the money sealed by the shroff and who perhaps not knowing what else to do with it will be to put it into the mint, we think [. . .] and fit that for and during the space of six months from this time all persons shall be excused from paying the duty of half per cent upon all such gold as they shall put into the mint to be coined into the new money.

Then a draft of these regulations being drawn up for public notice was twice read, and being approved were ordered to be copied out and translated into the several languages and then put up at the Sea-Gate, Choultry Gate, and Middle Gate.

As these regulations will make it proper that distinct accounts should be kept of the different species of money agreed that the ballance in fanams being four hundred and fifty five pagodas, one fanam and 10 cash (455-1-10) be transferred to a new account of cash and that all payments and receipts in the new money be entered in the same account and that the payments and receipts in the old money be kept in a distinct account, and the Warehousekeeper, Storekeeper, Sea and Land Customer acquainting the Board they have received the old money, the first for wares and stores delivered out of the Company's godowns and the other for customs received, ordered that they pay the same in before the end of the month.

The President also acquainted the Board that some time in the month of January last the Company's merchants complained to him that they could get no sealed money to lay down for the broad cloth which they wanted to take out of the warehouse and therefore desired to be indulged with some trust, or otherwise they should lose the sale, to which he replied that the Company's orders were

positive, and could not be dispensed with, but to ease them as much as was in his power, he told them that as we had as much sealed money in cash as we should have occasion for in some time, he would receive from them the country money upon condition they exchanged it in some reasonable time for the sealed money; but at the same time cautioned them to receive such batta upon the country money as should make it equal to 80½ touch whether they did so or not he cannot tell. But they have at different times paid him to the amount of ten thousand four hundred (10,400) pagodas besides two thousand and eight (2,008) which they have ready to pay the Import Warehouse-keeper amount in the whole to twelve thousand four hundred and eight (12,408) pagodas. The President added he had often called upon them to exchange it for the sealed money but without effect; and therefore now proposes to the consideration of the Board whether if the said merchants should now offer to change it for sealed money it be a lawful tender if the said sealed money is not 80½ touch; but the merchants not being present, the Board suspended their coming to any resolution till another consultation.

After which the Board took into consideration the behaviour of the Company's shroff, who being sent for and asked how he came to be guilty of sealing money that would not pass, very imprudently answered, that what he sealed passed all over the town, and that only what had been sealed with a counterfeit seal was rejected. Being told he was not accused of what had been done by others, but for sealing a great deal of bad money himself knowing it to be so, he replied with as much assurance as before, that he might have been deceived by the counterfeit seals so far as to reseal that money, but that otherwise all was good that he had sealed; which answers giving the Board no satisfaction, besides that the breach of his trust is too notorious to admit of any doubt, it was agreed for the present to commit him prisoner to the choultry, and that the Secretary with the poligar and town conicoply do go immediately to his dwelling house and seal up all the effects which they find there, and then the Board adjourned.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

Fort St. George, 9th April, 1741.

Ordered by the President and Council that no other pagodas than such as are coined in the Hon'ble Company's mint of eighty touch shall from henceforth be deemed the current money of this place, and all contracts made for current money shall be understood to be due and payable in the said pagodas of eighty touch [but] none other. Provided that this order shall [not] hinder any of the merchants or others from making their bargains or contracts [. . .] moneys which [. . .] interest; but if the particular money is not specified at the making such bargains or contracts it shall be understood that the payment was intended to be made in the said pagoda of eighty touch coined [at the] Company's [mint] provided also that [the] persons who [. . .] may be intituled by this order to demand [payment] should be made them in the pag[odas] of eighty touch coined in the Company's mint [. . .] nevertheless be at liberty to take any other money in payment and to receive such batta of the [person] who pays it, as they can agree for the same, an[d] whereas it may happen that some persons who by this order are intituled to demand payment of the moneys due to them in the said pagodas of eighty touch may insist to be paid in the same and none other, and whereas it may be some time before such a quantity is or can be coined suff[icent] for the currency of the place, it is hereby declared that for and during the space of six months from the date hereof, if any person or persons who is or are to make payment in [the] said pagodas of eighty touch shall offer to deposit any other money together with such batta thereon as shall be reasonable and which shall be judg[ed] of by any two shroffs indifferently chosen if the parties cannot otherwise agree upon the same. Such money so offered to be deposited shall be

received and accepted for payment, provided that the person or persons making such [deposit] shall redeem and take again the money so deposited by making payment in the said pagodas of eighty touch within thirty days from the first making such deposite, and no [interest] shall be paid or demanded during the time [of] the said deposite if it does not exceed the thirty days as aforesaid.

The Governour and Council being also willing to do every thing that they can for the case of the merchants, have agreed that for six months from the date hereof all [. . .] who shall coin the pagodas of eighty touch [. . .] the Mint shall be excused the Company's [. . .] per cent.

By Order of the President and Council,
[JOHN SAVAGE].

[April] 9. Arrived ship *Galatea*, William Tullie, from Bengal.
The Hon'ble Company's sloop *Fort St. George*, Thomas Allison, from Bengal with stores and a general letter of the 19th February received before in two copies.
10. Arrived sloop *Kitty*, Daniel Mahony, from Bengal.
Sailed ship *Vencata Latchmia*, Nucana, for Vizagapatam.
14. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter from Bengal per the *Grandison* dated 2nd ultimo.
Arrived ship *Mahomudbux*, Naudee Mullah, from Bengal.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1741.

The five last Consultations read and signed.

General letter No. 36 from the President and Council of Fort William of the 2nd March read desiring that the treasure we send them this year may be two thirds in bullion and one third in Madrass and Arcot rupees in equal proportions.

The Secretary acquainting the Board that pursuant to order of last Consultation he had sealed up the house of Vishvinada, the Company's shroff. Messrs. Burton and Monson attended by the Secretary, the poligar and town conicoply are appointed to take an inventory of his effects and [also] of those of Triveloor Audemoolum and Coopertee Subah the other two bazar shroffs lately confined in the choultry.

Ordered that the Secretary affix notice at the gates of the town in the several languages enjoining all persons who are possessed of any houses [. . .] goods or effects or any of the said three shroffs or who know of any others that are to [. . .] discovery thereof to Messrs Burton [and Monson] within thirty days, and that any persons shall be found in any wise concerned in concealing the same will be fined or punished at the discretion of the Board.

The dispatch of the three Bengal sloops being considered, it is agreed as the Madrass pagodas are not yet ready, to despatch the *Prince Louisa* directly for the Bay with ten chests of treasure and what redwood she can take in. Agreed also to send ten chests of treasure and some more redwood to the Bay on the *Fort St. George* and *Calcutta* when they are ready, and [to] order these two sloops into Vizagapatam [to put] ashoar the supplies of money we intend [thither] for the use of the northern settlements and to [carry] from thence to the Bay what Madrass rupees they have by them more than they want.

The President reads the [mint] account current for last month ballance remaining in the mint, doodoes two hundred and four thousand six hundred and seventy [two] (2,04,672,) fanams one hundred ninety two [thousand] and ninety six, (1,92,096,) and twenty nine pagodas, twelve fanams, and forty five cash (29-12-45) which is carried forward.

Augustus Burton, Export Ware [housekeeper] pays into the old cash four hundred (400) pagodas on his running account.

William Monson, Import Ware [housekeeper] pays into the old cash three thousand five hundred and eight pagodas on the following accounts Vizt.

		Rs.		
On account of broad cloth delivered the merchants	...	2,008	0	0
In part of the ballance of his account for last month	...	1,500	0	0
Total	...	3,508	0	0

George Torriano, Storekeeper, sends into the old cash four hundred seventy eight (478) pagodas on his account for last month.

The President acquaints the Board he had this morning received a letter from Coopiah the Vackeel sent to the Moratta camp, advising his arrival and reception there, the translate of which is entered after this Consultation.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

From Coopia, Vackeel in the Moratta camp at Tritchanopoly, Dated the 8th April and received the 16th instant 1741.

I am now in the Moratta army which is encamped about ten miles west of Tritchanopoly. The Governour of Tevenepatam dispatched me to the Moratta camp with the presents he had prepared for the Morattas. When I arrived at Tritchanopoly I first made myself acquainted with Coanari Pontoloo and Rave Shasharoy, the Managers of Rajah Ragojee Bosalla's affairs and upon their introducing me to Raja Phutta Sing and Raja Ragojee Bosalla, I delivered them the presents and the letters. They received them and upon looking into the presents they said they were very good things, at which time I presented them your honour's respects and the Governour of Tevenepatam's service besides several other compliments from your honour and that you [. . .] friend upon hearing this they said that their predecessors [. . .] desire for your friendship and settled you in this and therefore you may live safe in your place without having any concern. They gave one [B—nutt] and told me that to-morrow they should [have] more leisure to speak with me when they [propose] to send me away.

About two or three days after they had taken Tritchanopoly fort, they sent a part [of] their army towards the kingdom of Mysore, [and] they afterwards sent another part along with [Chanda] Sahib to the said country. The horse that are already gone out is forty thousand and they have about thirty thousand here, who will also go [away] as soon as they have settled some government at Tritchanopoly.

The Rajahs have at present [. . .] Tritchanopoly fort into the care of Moorary [Rao] Ghodbeda, Commander of ten or fifteen thousand horse, but Ragojee Bosalla has a great mind [to] restore it to the old gentues, and he is treating [. . .] Rammania and Govindaya for that purpose. I think that in five or six days time they will give the Government to the Jentues and will [get] away, and I will advise your honour what[ever] shall pass hereafter.

[April] 18. Sailed ship *Thomas*, John Young, for Bengal. Received by peons general letters from Maddepollam of the 2nd, Vizagapatam of the 3rd and Fort St. David of the 15th instant.

19. Arrived the *Ruddabellub* pinnace, Jeremiah Law[rence from] Bengal.

20. [Arrived the] ship *Revolution*, Thomas Haines, from [. . .] with a letter from the Resident at [. . .] of the 17th ultimo.

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CONSULTATION, MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1741.

General letters read vizt.—

No. 37 from the Resident at Syrian dated the 17th ultimo, in answer to what we wrote him the 6th February relating to the state of affairs in Pegue.

No. 38, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 15th instant inclosing an account of the measurage of the paddy sent them, advising of the presents being arrived at the Moratta camp, desiring our permission to build some sheds and godowns towards the river which they compute will cost about four hundred pagodas, and a supply of five or six thousand pagodas worth of fanams.

No. 39, from the Resident at Maddapollam of the 2nd instant advising the arrival of the stores sent him on two country vessels, inclosing his journal parcels for January and February and March and another indent for wares.

No. 40, from Mr. Saunders at Vizagapatam of the 3rd instant, advising the death of Mr. Simpson at two that afternoon, and that he had counted over the ballance of cash and found it agreeable to the account.

Mr. Torriano offering to take charge of the Company's affairs at Vizagapatam as Chief there, the Board very readily accepted his offer, and desired he would gett ready to go thither as soon as possible.

The Storekeeper acquaints the Board that the masters of the *Princess Louisa*, *Fort St. George*, and *Calcutta* sloop had indented for several stores for the use of [their] vessels which he is ordered to comply with.

Queen's Point being cracked in many places and in great danger of falling, the Paymaster with the officers of the garrison are ordered to [survey] it, and report their opinion what may be proper [to] be done to it.

As the sloop *Princess Louisa* [will be] ready to sail for the Bay in a day or two a [letter] to the President and Council of Fort William by her is now agreed on.

Agreed to send a supply of three thousand (3,000) pagodas worth of fanams [to] Fort St David this evening by a mussoola and [. . .] the Import Warehousekeeper who now pays [in] two thousand six hundred (2,600) pagodas [. . .] do deliver four chests of silver into the mint [to] coin more.

Agreed also to permit the Deputy [Governour] and Council of Fort St. David to build the sheds and godowns they propose for the reasons given in their letter just now read.

The Accomptant reads the journal parcels for the month of February.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

[April] 20. Sent by mussoola to Fort St. David a supply of fanams and a letter of this date.

22. Sailed the Hon'ble Company's sloop *Princess Lou[isa]*, Jonathan Ransom, for Bengal with treasu[re], redwood, and a general letter of this date.

23. Sailed ships *St. Thome*, John Thorpe and *Ramkiss[en] Seat*, David Graham, for Bengal, and brigantine *Mary*, Philip Baker, for Fort St. David.

CONSULTATION, APRIL, FRIDAY 24, 1741.

The two last Consultations read and signed.

The sloops *Fort St. David* and *Calcutta* being near ready for sailing to Vizagapatam and Bengal, draughts of the letters to go by them to those places and Ingeram are now agreed on, that to Vizagapatam ordering Mr. Saunders to [divide] and send to the Bay on these sloops the Madrass rupees he has in cash more than he [has] occasion for.

Messrs. Burton and Monson deliver in a report as entered hereafter setting forth that pursuant to order of the 16th instant they had been at the houses of the

three shroffs to take an inventory of their effects which they now also deliver in, remarking that most of the things which appeared at Vishvinada's house were claimed by others and seemed to them to have been deposited there for their security against the Morattas by persons whose houses were without the walls, that at the houses of the other two shroffs they found nothing of any value, unless the cadjans, books and papers found in all their houses should make any discovery of their effects, which they desire the Board's orders upon proposing that the remaining effects be sold at outcry.

Ordered that the town conicoply Ramanyah, the anchorage Braminy and Comrapa, one of the warehouse conicoplys do examine the papers, cadjans and accounts of the said three shroffs in the presence of the Secretary, to see if any discovery may be made of their effects thereby.

That the Secretary do deliver the several things claimed [by the respective] claimants as far as they agree [with the list delivered in by the] Committee, and if any differe[nce arise therein] that they be judged of by the said [Committee].

And that he sell the [remaining] effects at publick outcry delivering in the part [. . .] account sales and paying in the nett produce to the Board.

The master of the *Calcutta* having indented for a box of medicines, [ordered] that he be supplied with it.

The gentlemen of Fort St. David having no further occasion for the *George*, agreed to order her up hither.

Agreed that Mr. John St[ratton] be provisional Storekeeper and Rental Gene[ral and] Scavinger till the arrival of the expected ship from England.

The President acquaints the Board, he had received another letter from the vackeel Coopiah, acquainting him that he received his audience of leave from the two Moratta Generals who had also delivered horses and seerpaws, and cowles for this place and Fort St. David, at the same time the President [received] a letter from Roy Sasharow a principal officer in the Moratta camp, translate of which and the vackeel's letter are entered after this Consultations.

Linga Chittee pays in the twenty thousand (20,000) Madrass pagodas he agreed for the 23rd February of which it is agreed to send ten thousand (10,000) to Vizagapatam on the sloop *Cal[cutta]* and the other ten thousand (10,000) with the rest of [the] Madrass pagodas in cash being three hundred forty seven (347) on the sloop *Fort St. George*.

Agreed also to send twelve thousand (12,000) Arcot rupees thither on each of these [sloops] and the stores on the *Fort St. George*.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

FROM ROY SHASHAROVE, AN OFFICER UNDER THE MORATTA GENERALS, RECEIVED APRIL 24TH 1741.

Though your honour did not write me a letter, yet I have heard of your goodness and reputation from Mr. Hubbard the Governour of Tevenepatam, who has wrote me a letter and sent some cloaths and other things along with Coopia and Audy Venkiah, vakiels to be presented to Rajah Futta Sing and Rajah Ragojee Bosalla, as also to Ramajee Pontoloo and Contoloo officers and managers of their affairs. When the vakiels arrived, they applied to me and I acquainted both of the Rajahs of their arrival and caused a proper person to be sent to bring them along with him, where I introduced them to the Rajahs and told them much in your honour's praise; the presents were delivered to the Rajahs according to their list by your vakiel and Vencata Narrainapah, and whatever you sent to Ramajee Pontoloo, and Coanar Pontoloo was also presented to them by your vakiels.

I was not wanting to tell the Rajahs what was most proper in your honour's praise, and did procure for you a horse and serapaw consisting of five cloaths, and four cloaths for Mr. Fowke, and after the same manner to the Governour and

second of Tevenepatam, and caused tasheriffs to be given to your vakiels, as also presents to the people who came along with them.

It is not customary at the court of our Rajahs to give a cowle to any without the tribute being settled and paid, and although your honour did not write any thing about a cowle nor has there been any tribute paid yet I [. . .] my interest with the Rajahs and procured their cowles both for Chennepatam and Tevenepatam, I have delivered the same to Sambayah and dispatched him along with your vakiels, which you will receive.

Your honour's vakiel and Vencata Narrainapa and Saumbaya will inform your honour what more is necessary, and I desire your honour would always do me the pleasure of [laying] your commands on me.

What can I say more.

From Coopia, Vakeel in the Moratta camp at Wootatoor, dated the 16th April, received the 24th [April].

This day Rajah Phutta Sing and [Rajah] Ragojee Bosalla were pleased to send for me [before] them, and delivered to my care two horses [. . .] seerpaw, the one for your honour and the other [for the] Governour of Tevenepatam ; besides this they deliver[ed] me some cloaths for your seconds and answers to [your] letters, and in order to prevent any troubles and [other] hinderances that we might meet in our journey they were pleased to order some of their troopers to carry us safe as farr as Wauligondaporum. They [. . .] likewise gave several letters to Sheriff Saheb, [. . .] of Wauligondaporum, Malavaroya Ninar, Govern[our] of Arealloor as also to the Governour of Warriapollam, thereby ordering them to send some of their troops [. . .] men along with us and guard us till we go off their jurisdictions. Thus after they dispatched us in this manner, they marched their army (which was encamped on the west side of Wauligondaporum) towards the way that leads to the kingdom of Mysore or Srerangapatam.

Ramaje Pontoloo, Coanary Ravepontoloo, Rave Shasharoya and Rama Chendra Prabhoo officers and managers of the said Rajah's affairs, are very desirous to have your honours friendship, and the said four gentlemen did (in order that they may have friendship with the English nation for ever) [produced] cowles under the seals of Rajah Phutta Sing [and Rajah] Rahgojee Bosalla for Madrass and Tevenepatam [and told] me to acquaint your honour that their design in procuring these sunods for you is only to gain [your honour's] friendship. They expressed themselves otherwise great regard for you, all which I shall acquaint you with verbally when I come to Madrass. I shall be at Fort St. David in five or six days time.

As to the Government of Tritchanopoly they have at present given it to Moorary Khodbeda, upon which the relations of the old Jentue prince have sent their vakeels along with the army, and they say that in a month's time the government will be granted to the old Jentues ; otherwise one of these Generals or some other new person of the Moratta cast will come to succeed in that government.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President and Governour &c Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Agreeable to an order of Consultation of the 16th instant, we went to the dwelling house of Vishvanada the Company's shroff, accompanied by Mr. Savage, the Secretary, in order to take an inventory of his effects, but found almost every thing in his house was lodged there by several persons to secure their effects against any invasion should be made by the Morattas, as their habitations were without the walls.

We herewith deliver in a list of the said effects together with the names of the respective claimants and referr it to your honour &c. to give your orders

concerning the proof of their several claims, and the delivery of the goods to the right owners, as you shall think proper.

As for what belongs to the shroff himself we can find nothing of value, unless there may be something contained in his cadjans, papers and books, all which we have put into a chest by themselves, and referr the examination of them to whomsoever this Board shall please to appoint for that purpose, as we are incapable of doing it ourselves, they being wrote in the language of the country.

His other effects seem to be of so small value, that we think they may be put up to outcry by the Secretary at the house and disposed of to the best bidders, he giving an account of the same to this Hon'ble Board.

We likewise went to the houses of the other two shroffs Treviloor Audemoolum and Copertee Suba; we found nothing of any value except a chest as we are informed of cloaths and such like things, some of [which] are also claimed by others.

As the effects we found belon [ged] to these two persons are of little or no value, [we] are of opinion they may be disposed of by the Secretary in the same manner as those of the Company's shroff. The four cadjans and papers we met with, we referr to the examination of such persons as your honour &ca shall think proper to appoint for that purpose.

Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servants,
AUGUSTUS BURTON—WILLIAM MONSON.

Fort St. George,
24th April, 1741.

LIST OF SUNDRIES CLAIMED BY THE UNDERWRITTEN PERSONS, AS LODGED IN THE HOUSE OF VISHVINADA, SHROFF FOR THEIR SECURITY AGAINST THE MORATTAS.—

	Claimed by
2 Bags of brass pots and dishes ...	Corrapa Chittee Comrapa.
A bundle of cloaths, a bag of brass potts, a large copper pott, a bale of cotton, ½ garce of paddy.	Tanjore Tondava Chittee.
2 Bags of brass pots, 3 chests of cloaths, 20 mercals paddy.	Mooteapah, Conicoply.
2 Chests of cloaths, a brass lamp and cuspidore.	Pattagah Serravanah.
A chest containing remnants of broad cloaths, 4 shauls, 4 pieces silk cloth.	Vencatacharree, Braminy.
15 Brass potts &ca., ...	Do.
A bag of brass and copper pots, ...	Bassovah Chittee.
A chest of cloaths and copper ware, ...	Eyanah, Taylor.
A chest of sundry odd things, 2 bags of boiled nutt.	Trevalee Condapah.
A bag of brass and copper ware, a bill of sale of a house.	Totecarr Tagapa
A basket containing 2 brass dishes, 1 copper pot.	Narniah, Braminy.
10 Brass and copper pots &ca., 2 small carpets.	Rangyah, Braminy.
2 Metal images of worship	Carracor Nina Chittee.
A bill of sale of a house in her brother's name.	Latchimee, a Chittee woman.

2 Chests of brass ware, cloaths, cadjans &ca. 3 matt boxes of cadjans.	Chinnyah, Conicoply.
An old broken brass pot	Nellamoota of the armory.
A chest containing some cloaths, images of worship and brass ware, a chest of smith's tools &ca.	Comrapa, smith.
A bond of Coja Simon for 2,500 pagodas lodged with the shroff to receive a dividend upon it.	Tomby Chitty.
A bundle of cadjan books, 4 brass dishes.	Trivlicane Vencatacharree.
2 Matt boxes of cadjans and images of worship.	Shashatre Sasterloo, Braminy at Trivetore.

INVENTORY OF SUNDRIES FOUND IN THE DWELLING HOUSE OF TRIVALOOR AUDEMOOLUM, A BAZAR SHROFF OF THE CHITTEE CAST.

In the room above.

An escrutore containing,—2 gold earrings, a bag of doodoes and cash, a bag of weights, touches, &ca. 2 small silver cases, a tick-tack with men and dice, several cadjans, papers &ca ., 2 drawers of linnen and apparel.

A standing cot, curtains and bedding.

A rattan mat.

A carpet.

A couch bedding and pillows.

A box of China flowers.

A set of pidgeon holes.

In a room below.

A chest containing the cadjans and accounts of the [joint] trade between him and Copertee Subah, with [seven] bags of jewels &ca. pawned to them.

A chest containing several pawns of money &ca. to Audemoolum, several parcels of cadjans &ca., a silver chinam box, an iron chinam box silver mounted, a small silver chain, a copper dish and spoon, a horn cup, a brass chelumgee and cuspidore, a small chest containing several old brass [things], a parcel of grain.

Left out for the use of the people in the house:—

11 brass pots and dishes, large and small.

Inventory of sundries found in the dwelling house of Copertee Subah, a bazar shroff of the Quomittee cast.—

A chest containing, Vizt.

A bag containing a pair of scales and some old brass things.

A bundle of old money bags.

2 bags and the locker full of cadjans.

2 womens clouts, claimed by Menachina, a Braminy woman.

An old coat, wastcoat, &ca.

A old betle box.

A piece of morees.

3 men' s clouts.

A parcell of several stones, some weights and pieces of money.

A bag of boiled nutt and a bag of mentaloo.

A standing cot and bedding.

A brass lamp.

A small empty chest.

A large chest containing several bundles of cadjans very old.

11 brass potts, dishes, &ca.—claimed by his brother.

A basket and bag of glass beads.

Fort St. George,
24th April, 1741.

[April] 25. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 22nd instant and sent by peons an answer thereto of this date.

26. Sailed ship *Sta. Catharina,* John Baptista, for Macao, and sloop *Ketty,* Daniel Mahoney, for Bengal.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1741.

Mr. Torriano *Sick.*

Last Consultation read and signed.

General letter No. 41 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 22nd instant again read, repeating their request for a supply of fanams and desiring liberty to coin them there, an answer to which was returned the 25th instant.

Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, reads that account for last month Vizt.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Custom on goods	3,037	31	76
Do. on grain	454	24	12
Anchorage	94	18	0
	3,587	2	8

ballance due from him four thousand two hundred thirty seven pagodas eleven fanams and fifty two cash, of which he pays in two hundred ninety nine (299) old pagodas.

Padre Thomas, attorney for the Jesuit's missionaries in China demands payment of the interest due to them for the last year ending the 31st ultimo and there not being new pagodas in cash to answer it, the President lends twelve hundred (1,200) new pagodas for that purpose.

Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, reads that account for last month ballance due from him three hundred ninety one pagodas thirty four fanams and forty one cash (391–34–41) which was included in the four hundred pagodas paid in by him the 16th.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeep[er] pays into the new cash six thousand (6,000) pagodas worth of fanams, out of which it is agreed to send a supply of three thousand (3,000) pagodas worth by a mussoola to Fort St. David to-morrow.

The Import Warehousekeeper delivers in and the Storekeeper sends in, as entered hereafter their reports and lists of wares and stores damaged and worn out under their respective charges with their remarks thereon, which being examined are ordered to be sold at publick outcry on Thursday the 30th instant.

Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chittee, betle and tobacco farmers pay in in fanams eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (833–12) for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodela[ire] farmers of the arrack and wine licence pay in in fanams three hundred thirty five (335) pagodas for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

The Company's merchants attending were called in and discoursed concerning the coun[try] money they had deposited in lieu of 12,408 current pagodas, and the reasons being explained to them why they ought now to replace that sum in the new money they consented that the [country] money should be put into the mint to be coine[d] into the new money and to make good the deficiency if any should happen.

Agreed therefore that the sum of 13,268 country pagodas being so much Telesinga Chittee, Molinga Kistna and Ponnapa Chittee had deposited in lieu of 12,408 current pagodas be delivered into the mint.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—
WILLIAM MONSON.

Fort St. George, 27th April, 1741.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour, &ca. Council.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Examining the several species of woolen goods in the warehouse I find,

Embossed cloth	12 pieces.	
Midling blew broad cloth	5	
Fine green broad cloth	1	
Black do.	1	
Yellow do.	4	very much worm eaten.
Aurora	2	a little worm eaten.
Perpetuanoes of different colours	9	pieces a little damaged.
Broad cloth medley	6	
Do. Purple	1	
		of improper colours that have laid many years in the godown

Remnants of broad cloth and perpetuanoes, good. There are besides velvets.

Grass green	11	pieces very much spotted.
Red called crimson...	5	
Blew	1	That have laid many years in the warehouse being of so bad colours no one will take them at the warehouse price which I have thought proper to represent to your honour &c.
Yellow	1	

I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servant,

William Monson,
Import Warehousekeeper.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour, Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I am to acquaint your honour &ca. that there are remaining of the cordage received in the year 1739 thirty one coils, and sixteen coils of ratline received at the same time, which according to a standing order for selling all cordage that hath lain two years ought to be sold at outcry the end of this month. There are also a 15 inch and a 9 inch cable which I sometime ago reported to have been cut by some malicious or drunken person which must also be sold, besides which there is a large quantity of small nails unfit for use with several other small articles the particulars of which are hereunto annexed, which I wait your honours &ca's directions about and am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servant,

Fort St. George,
27th April, 1741.

George Torriano.

Particulars of worn out stores.

Iron plates ... ... lb.	32	Poop lanterns	5
Handvices	8	Muscovy lights	2
Chest locks	11	Ring dial	1
Pinpad locks	7	Horisontal dial	3
Pad locks	4	Brass cocks	2
Splinter locks	11	Lantern horns	177
Escrutore locks, sets	2	Two foot rulers	4
Iron locks	15	Scrapers	3
Tin funnel	1	Globe lanterns	3
Cup board locks	9	Binacle lamps	4

Nails of sundry sorts about 100 lb.

[April] 28. Sent by mussoola to Fort St. David a supply of fanams and letter of this date.

29. Sailed the Hon'ble Company's sloops *Calcutta*, William Miller, and *Fort St. George*, Thomas Allison, for Vizagapatam and Bengal with letters &c for both those places.

30. Arrived ship *Kent*, John Byers, from Pegue.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, reads that account for last month Vizt.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges garrison	2,675	20	42
Charges diet	583	12	0
Charges cattle	66	24	0
Fort Marlbrô	10	0	0
Charges extraordinary	302	30	40
Charges general	608	8	46
Charges hospital	390	19	44
Black Town wall	2,499	31	40
Repairs of fortifications	69	13	0
Pagodas.	7,206	15	52

ballance due to him two thousand two hundred and six pagodas fifteen fanams and fifty two cash (2,206–15–52) which is ordered to be paid him; but there not being so many new pagodas in cash the President lends the new cash two thousand (2,000) pagodas.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in his account are entered hereafter.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper reads that account for last month, ballance due from him seventeen hundred forty eight pagodas twenty one fanams and eight cash (1,748–21–8) of which he paid 1,500 in part the 16th instant and now pays in full two hundred forty eight old pagodas twenty one fanams and eight cash (248–21–8).

He also pays into the old cash five hundred and seventy (570) pagodas on account of doodoes sold the beginning of the month.

William Monson, Land Customer, reads that account for last month consisting of choultry's customs, 352–19–12, the ballance due from him being three hundred thirty nine pagodas twenty nine fanams and twelve cash (339–29–12) he now pays into the old cash.

The ballance of fanams now in the old cash being two hundred eighty nine pagodas fourteen fanams and twenty cash (289–14–20) is ordered to be transferred to the new cash.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—
WILLIAM MONSON.

THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR MARCH ARISES ON THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS VIZT.—

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges garrison—			
Sundry stores laid in for the use of the garrison	285	20	0
Fort Marlborough—			
Paid allowance money to Raja Culaden and servants	10	0	0
Charges extraordinary—			

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Paid for dieting choultry prisoners this month	2	14	40
Marshall's note for dieting a lunatick soldier ...	2	0	0
Allowance money to Mr. Ackman's child	2	0	0
House rent for the Revd. Mr. Wynch	7	0	0
A smith attending the shroff to beat down bad pagodas	1	2	60

	Pags. fns. c.	Pags. fns. c.
Gave Imaum Sahib's mauldar upon receiving a present of fruit, 4 Rs. ... ... or	1 8 30	
Gave Bungarnaick's mauldar upon receiving a present, 10 rupees or	3 2 50	
Basketts and cooly hire for carrying a present to Imaum Saib's at Metchlepatam...	16 8 0	
Batta for 2 peons to attend Do. ...	2 8 0	
Cooly hire for carrying a present to Subderally Cawn...	3 6 0	
Boathire for 3 boats carrying a packet and several things to Fort St. David	30 0 0	
Packing and chests for goods 60 and peons' batta ...	10 10 40	
Gave the boat fellows a present, 29 Rs.	8 33 50	
Cooly hire for carrying a clock to Fort St. David ...	1 0 0	
Batta for 4 peons to attend it	0 20 0	
2 basketts for Do.	0 1 10	
Cotts for 2 soldiers that came on the *Cæsar* fns. 10, allowance money fans. 24, boathire fns. 5, Doctor's note, Pags. 2–8	3 11 0	
Batta allowed the following peons at out batterys. Peddanaigue's ... 170, Gruapanaigue's ... 80 } 250 peons at 30 Pags. per month ...	208 12 0	302 30 40
Charges general—		
Paid 100 extraordinary peons this month	85 18 0	
Batta abroad and at home	41 26 20	
Maumodies bought and handles made for them ...	22 11 40	
Making of wheelbarrows and brick molds	19 3 70	168 23 50
Charges hospital—		
Cloths and sundry necessaries supplied this month ...	...	346 31 44
Black Town wall—		
Materials and workmen employed as per book account particulars	...	2,499 31 40
Repairs of fortifications—		
Materials used and workmen employed as per book account particulars	...	69 13 0
Pagodas ...		3,683 6 14

[May] 1. Received by peons from Vizagapatam a general letter No. 42 dated the 10th ultimo.

Sailed ship *Meeramadut*, Sidoo Pillah for Nagore.

3. Sailed ship *St. Joseph Des Hayes* for Bengal.

4. Sent by a country vessel to Vizagapatam a general letter of this date.

5. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 2nd instant.

Consultation, Tuesday, May 5, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

The President reads the cash accounts for last month, the ballance now compared with the cash chests consisting of sixty nine thousand nine hundred twenty five (69,925) pagodas of the old cash, and of the new four thousand three hundred and six pagodas eleven fanams and fifty eight cash (4,306–11–58) which is carried forward.

Agreed that five thousand (5,000) pagodas be advanced the Paymaster for the charges of the running month; but there not being new money in cash sufficient, the President lends two thousand (2,000) pagodas more for that purpose.

General letter No. 43 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 2nd instant read, in answer to ours of the 25th ultimo desiring a

supply of pagodas in the new money coined here and our directions about bringing the presents to the Morattas to account, advising the return of the vackeel from the Moratta camp, that he was set out from thence on his way hither with the letters and presents for this place and that the *George* was taking in bales in order to her return hither, inclosing their monthly papers for March, translates of the Moratta General's letters to the Deputy Governour, of their cowles and of a letter from Futta Sing concerning Vencatachilum, as entered after the said letter, the consideration whereof is deferred till next Consultation.

The Import Warehousekeeper delivers in the account sale of damaged woolen goods put up at outcry the 30th ultimo by order of the 27th which is entered hereafter, and

The Storekeeper sends in as entered hereafter his account sale of damaged stores sold at outcry the 30th ultimo by order of the 27th and a list of several articles worn out and wasted proposed to be wrote off, in examining which last the Board took notice of a loss of weight in the cordage of forty eight hundreds two quarters and eight pounds (48–2–8,) or somewhat more than sixteen (16) per cent on the quantity now sold, the cause of which deficiency, it is agreed to inquire into when Mr. Torriano is able to come abroad.

Several orders being agreed upon for preventing the counterfeiting any of the new money or any of the mint stamps and seals the same were ordered to be fixed at the gates of the town for publick notice and a copy to be entered after this Consultation.

The President produces to the Board translate of a letter from the Nabob and another from Budda Sahib, the last intimating the Nabob's design to come and stay for some time in this town with his family, upon which the President desired the advice of the Board.

And the state of affairs in the country being considered, it was agreed that it would not be prudent to refuse the Nabob, as he might think himself slighted, and to disoblige him at a time when we know not but he may soon be confirmed in the government of the province. It might in that case be attended with very bad consequences hereafter, for which reason the President was desired to write to Budda Sahib signifying his readiness to comply with his request and that houses should be prepared ready for the reception of the Nabob and his family.

The officers as well as the private men having been subject to many disorders by being obliged to lye exposed to the weather at New Point, where there were no conveniences to shelter them, and as a good guard will always be necessary there in troublesome times, besides it being always proper that one of the lieutenants should sleep in Black Town, it was agreed that barra[cks] with a case of arms, and lodgings over them for a lieutenant and ensign is necessary at the said New Point, and therefore ordered that the Paymaster do prepare a plan of the same with an estimate of the charge to be laid before the Board.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

Fort St. George, April 1741.

Dr. Madrass Pagodas. *Cr.*

Dr.	Pags. fns. c.	Cr.	Pags. fns. c.
1. To ballance brought from last month account	347 0 0	28. By Vizagapatam Factory sent thither Vizt. per sloop *Calcutta*, William Miller	10,000 0 0
24. To Linga Chittee received of him the Madrass Pagodas agreed for with him in Consultation the23rd February	20,000 0 0	Per sloop *Fort. St. George*, Thomas Allison	10,347 0 0
	20,347 0 0		20,347 0 0

Errors Excepted
per
Richard Benyon.

Dr. THE HON'BLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

		Pags.	fns.	c.
1.	To ballance brought from last month's account	74,974	10	44
7.	To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper received on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants	5,000	0	0
	To George Torriano, Storekeeper, received on account of iron sold ..	2,000	0	0
	To George Torriano, Rental General, received of him in part the ballance of that account for the year ending ultimo August, 1739	60	0	0
	To George Torriano, Scavinger, received in full the ballance of that account for the year ending 31st August 1739	199	26	46
16.	To Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, received of him on his running account	400	0	0
	To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received of him, Vizt. On account of broad cloth delivered the merchants ... 2,008 0 0; In part the ballance of his account for last month ... 1,500 0 0	3,508	0	0
	To George Torriano, Storekeeper, received on his account for last month	478	0	0
27.	To Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, received in part the ballance of that account for last month	299	0	0
30.	To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper received of him, Vizt. In full of his March ballance ... 248 21 8; On account of doodoes sold 570 0 0	818	21	8
	To William Monson, Land Customer, received in full the ballance of that account for last month	339	29	12
	Old Pagodas ...	88,077	15	30

CONTRA. Cr.

		Pags.	fns.	c.
3.	By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, paid him for the running month... ...	5,000	0	0
9.	By the Hon'ble Company's new cash for the ballance in fanams this day transferred thither	455	1	10
27.	By the Company's merchants, for what delivered them to be put into the mint to be coined as per Consultation of this day, Vizt 13,268 Pags. of the country money deposited by them to make good	12,408	0	0
30.	By the Hon'ble Company's new cash for the ballance of fanams this day transferred thither	289	14	20
		18,152	15	30
	By ballance remaining this day ...	69,925	0	0
	Old Pagodas ...	88,077	15	30

Errors excepted
per
RICHARD BENYON.

Dr. THE HON'BLE COMPANY'S NEW CASH.

		Pags.	fns.	c.
9.	To the Hon'ble United Company's (old) cash for the ballance of fanams remaining there this day transferred hither	455	1	10
20.	To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received of him in fanams	2,600	0	0
27.	To Richard Benyon Esqr. borrowed of him to pay the China Jesuit's annuity	1,200	0	0
	To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received of him in fanams	6,000	0	0
	To Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chitee, beetle and tobacco farmers, received 1 month's rent due 5th instant fans.	833	12	0
	To Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence received one month's rent due 5th instant fas.	335	0	0
30	To Richard Benyon Esqr. borrowed more of him to pay the Paymaster's ballance fans.	2,000	0	0
	To the Hon'ble Company's (old) cash for the ballance of fanams remaining there this day transferred hither	289	14	20
		13,712	27	30

CONTRA. Dr.

		Pags.	fns.	c.
20.	By Fort St. David, sent thither per mussoola in fanams	3,000	0	0
27.	By account current, London, paid the attorney for the Jesuit Missionaries in China the interest due to them for the year ending the 31st of last month	1,200	0	0
28.	By Fort St. David, sent thither per mussoola in fanams	3,000	0	0
30.	By Nicholas [Morse,] Paymaster, paid the ballance of that account for last month	2,206	15	52
		9,406	15	52
	By ballance remaining fanams ...	4,306	11	58
		13,712	27	30

Errors Excepted
per
RICHARD BENYON.

Fort St. George, 1st May, 1741.

ACCOUNT SALES OF REMNANTS AND DAMAGED WOOLEN GOODS &CA. BELONGING TO THE IMPORT WAREHOUSE SOLD AT PUBLICK OUTCRY AND TWO MONTHS' TRUST VIZT.

Broad cloth fine—

	Yards.		Pags.	fns.	c.	Pags.	fns.	c.
Nineapa, Scarlet superfine ...	2⅜	... ...	4	18	0			
James Calvenier, Scarlet ...	13¾	... ...	17	18	0			
Ditto Yellow ...	16½	... ...	26	0	0			
Chintomby, Do. ...	16½	... ...	26	18	0			
Bandar Singa, Do. ...	16½	... ...	25	27	0			
Mr. Foxall, Green ...	16	... ...	22	18	0			
Ragonaicalloe, Black ...	16½	... ...	23	0	0			
Tinnaloe Rama, Ditto ...	9½	... ...	12	9	0			
Guruin Ragoloe, Purple ...	6⅞	... ...	7	27	0			
Mr. Hallyburton, Medley	22½	... ...	31	9	0			
Mr. Thomass Wrighte, Ditto	20½	... ...	19	0	0			
Thomas Clarke, Do.	17¼	... ...	19	27	0			
Shaik Farazulla, Do.	12½	... ...	13	27	0			
Sheshaw, Do.	16½	... ...	13	9	0			
Shaik Farazulla Do.	20⅝	... ...	25	27	0			
Vaellapa, Purple middling	246	at 17¾ per piece.	35	18	0			
	270⅜ yards.					324	0	0

Broad cloth aurora—

	yards.		Pags.	fns.	c.	Pags.	fns.	c.
Shaik Farazulla, Pieces.	1–2½	... ..	22	18	0			
Coppola Vencata Challum ...	18¾	... ...	16	18	0			
Pieces.	2–¼ yard.					39	0	0

Broad cloth ordinary—

	yard.		Pags.	fns.	c.	Pags.	fns.	c.
Irshapa Rownapa, Blew, Middling 2	—	at 18¾ per piece.	37	18	0			
Morris Davis, Blew, Middling 2	—	at 18¾ per piece.	37	18	0			
Adrian Fourbeeck, Blew, Middling 1	—	... ...	18	9	0			
Poll Chitty, Yellow, Middling1	—	... ...	26	0	0			
Pallia Moetta, Yellow and Blew, Middling	11¾	... ...	11	0	0			
Mr. Troutbeck, Yellow and Blew, Ordinary	14⅜	... ...	10	0	0			
Manniapillae, Red, Ordinary..	18	... ...	12	9	0			
Nella Nina, Green, do.	12	— ...	8	9	0			
Pieces ...	8–14⅛ yards.					160	27	0

Perpetuanoes fine—

			Pags.	fns.	c.	Pags.	fns.	c.
James	7	... ...				2	27	0

Perpetuanoes ordinary.

			Pags.	fns.	c.	Pags.	fns.	c.
Ragonaicalloe, Sundry colours.	3	at 5½ per piece.	16	18	0			
Guruin Ragoloe, do.	3	5¼	15	27	9			
Ramalingam, do.	3	5¼	15	27	0			
Sheshaw, Red	21	... ...	5	27	0			
Do. do.	36¾	... ...	9	9	0			
James Calvenier, Green ...	50	... ...	13	27	0			
Pieces ...	13—11¾ yards.					76	27	0

Embossed Cloth—

			Pags.	fns.	c.
Vaellappa, Green	1	... ...	19	9	0
Guruin Ragoloe, Green ...	1	... ...	19	0	0
Mr. Savage do. ...	1	... ...	17	27	0

				Pags.	fns.	c.	Pags.	fns.	c.
Tremengalum Comrapa, Green	1		...	12	9	0			
Tremengalum Comrapa,	Green at 20¾ each		2	41	18	0			
Do. do.	do. at 25	...	2	50	0	0			
[...] Condapa,	do. at 22¾	...	2	45	18	0			
Caellapa Chitty,	do. at 26¼	...	2	52	18	0			
		Pieces.	12				257	27	0
[...]	Yards.								
Guruin Ragoeloe, Green ...	9¾	...	...	13	18	0			
Mahommed Camaull, do. ...	26¾	...	...	38	9	0			
Mr. Prichard, do. ...	29⅝	...	...	43	27	0			
Mr. Hallyburton, do. ...	30¼	...	...	47	0	0			
Mr. Jones, do. ...	25½	...	...	40	0	0			
Do. do. ...	25⅞	...	...	43	18	0			
Do. do. ...	28⅞	...	...	50	27	0			
Do. do. ...	29⅜	...	...	51	9	0			
Do. do. ...	32	...	...	56	9	0			
Mr. Stratton, do. ...	28½	...	...	39	0	0			
Adrian Fourbeeck do. ..	30½	...	...	48	9	0			
Morris Davis, Yellow ...	35⅜	...	...	65	0	0			
Mahommed Camaull, Scarlet	13⅞	...	...	28	9	0			
Mr. Jones, do. ...	15⅝	...	...	31	18	0			
Do. do. ...	37	...	...	74	0	0			
Do. do. ...	21⅞	...	...	39	0	0			
Mahommed Camaull do. ...	39½	...	...	84	27	0			
Mr. Jones, Blue ...	32	...	...	57	18	0			
	492¼ yards.						851	18	0
						Pagodas	1,712	18	0

Errors Excepted
WILLIAM MONSON

Fort St. George, 30th April, 1741.

ACCOUNT SALE OF SUNDRY DAMAGED STORES AT OUTCRY AT THE SEA GATE THIS DAY BY ORDER OF CONSULTATION OF THE 27TH ULTIMO.

Cordage.				C.	qr.	lb.				
1 Cable of	15	inches	per	52	0	0	Capt. Pritchard,	Pags.	[114]	8
1 „	5	„	„	8	0	14	Do.	„	24	13
1 „	5½	„	„	8	1	14	Do.	„	26	2
1 „	3½	„	„	3	2	16	Do.	„	12	30
1 „	3½	„	„	3	1	26	Do.	„	[...]	
1 „	4	„	„	5	0	10	Do.	„	16	4
8 twelve thread ratlines			„	6	1	4	Do.	„	27	2
8 nine thread Do.			„	5	1	23	Do.	„	23	17
1 „	4	inches	„	5	2	0	Mr. Percival	„	13	4
1 „	4½	„	„	5	0	0	Do.	„	17	28
1 „	4½	„	„	5	2	26	Do.	„	17	7
1 „	4	„	„	5	1	4	Do.	„	15	36
1 „	4	„	„	5	2	14	Do.	„	16	31
1 „	4	„	„	5	3	4	Do.	„	17	12
1 „	4½	„	„	5	1	24	Do.	„	16	14
1 „	5	„	„	7	3	4	Do.	„	15	20
1 „	6	„	„	6	3	7	Do.	„	13	22
1 „	4	„	„	5	0	7	Do.	„	11	34
1 „	5	„	„	8	0	18	Do.	„	22	24
1 „	5	„	„	8	2	11	Do.	„	26	9
1 „	5½	„	„	8	3	20	Do.	„	27	1
1 „	4½	„	„	5	3	14	Do.	„	16	5
1 „	4½	„	„	5	0	21	Shake Farazella	„	19	21
1 „	6½	„	„	12	2	27	Do.	„	30	28
1 „	5½	„	„	8	3	0	Do.	„	17	35

1	nine thread	3½	inches	per	3	1	10	Mr. Jones	Pags.	10	14
1	"	6½	"	"	12	3	7	Do.	"	38	28
1	"	6½	"	"	12	1	19	Do.	"	24	5
1	"	6½	"	"	12	2	11	Do.	"	25	7
1	"	9	"	"	19	1	2	Do.	"	58	31
1	"	4	"	"	5	1	0	Do.	"	15	21
1	"	3½	"	"	3	3	0	Do.	"	12	14
1	"	3½	"	"	5	0	27	Do.	"	16	0
1	"	5½	"	"	9	0	27	Mahomud Gomaull	"	28	8
1	"	6½	"	"	10	0	8	Do.	"	36	33
49	Coils			weighing	6,302	2	27			837	0

		P.	f.	c.			
Lanterns—							
1 Poop lantern,	Mr. Percival	2	30	0			
3 Do.	Mr. Morse	5	31	0			
1 Do.	Arronachilum	3	14	0			
2 Muscovy lights,	Randa Moodu	0	24	0			
3 Globe lanterns	do.	1	1	0			
177 Lantern horns,	Ravanapa	0	18	0			
					14	10	0
Lamps—							
4 brass lamps,	Capt. Pritchard				1	11	0
Carpenters lesser tools—							
5 two foot rulers,	Vellapa				0	6	0
Locks—							
13 Iron locks,	Randa Moodu	4	0	0			
2 Do.	Mr. Stratton	3	1	0			
2 Padlocks,	Ravanapa	0	6	0			
5 Pin padlocks,	Ibraim Sahib	1	22	0			
11 Splinter locks,	Mr. Carvalho	1	5	0			
2 Sets of escrutore locks,	Mr. Raven	1	21	0			
11 Chest locks,	Adrian	1	30	0			
9 Cup board locks,	Shersha	0	19	0			
					13	32	0
Mathematical Instruments—							
1 Ring dial,	Mr. Carvalho	1	1	0			
2 Horizontal dials,	Mr. Stratton	1	1	0			
1 Do.	Mr. Davis	0	19	0			
					2	21	0
Brass and Copper Ware—							
2 Brass cocks,	Mr. Raven				0	19	0
Ironmonger's Ware—							
8 Hand Vices, pr. lb.,	Adrian	1	1	0			
Iron plates, 1, 2,	Ninapa	0	31	0			
					1	32	0
[Caulker's Tools]—							
2 scrapers,	Jungoo				0	2	0
Tin Ware—							
[...] Tin funnell,	Do.				0	2	40
Nails, small—							
Two Penny, lb. 3486	Vellapa	52	23	42			
Do. " 1260	Venkatachilum	18	26	74			
Pump " 194	Do.	2	32	0			
Do. " 65	Condee Chittee	1	12	20			
Four penny " 424	Do.	8	26	10			
Do. " 535	Mr. Torriano	6	13	23			
Do. " 1982	Cundapa	31	13	17			
Do. " 1567	Permoll	28	0	0			
Three penny " 1163	Do.	17	33	64			
					168	1	10
	Pags.				1039	29	15

Fort St. George, April 30th, 1741.

PROFIT AND LOSS. DR. TO SUNDRY ACCOUNTS FOR WHAT LOST BY THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS, VIZT.

		P. f. c.	P. f. c.
	C. qr. lb.		
Iron bar—	41 0 20	80 2 40	
„ Rod	0 0 ¾	0 0 62	
„ Bolt	3 0 17	11 34 17	
„ Hoop	0 1 10½	0 34 16	
„ Pegue	4 Md. 8 lb.	1 32 65	
		———	94 32 40
[Nails], small—			
Brads	lb. 6	0 22 40	
Pump	„ 29	3 11 50	
Two penny	„ 48½	4 1 40	
Three penny	„ 14½	1 2 5	
Four penny	„ 55½	3 16 70	
Six penny	„ 28½	1 16 35	
Scupper	„ 3	0 6 60	
		———	14 5 60
[Nails], Midling—			
Ten penny	lb. 7	0 11 65	
Twenty penny ...	„ 5	0 7 40	
Sheathing	„ 175	4 31 0	
		———	5 14 25
[Nails], large—			
Spike	lb. 2¼	0 1 78	
Broad headed ...	„ 31¼	0 35 22	
		———	1 1 20
	C. qr. lb.		
[Steele]...	2 2 0		9 8 40
Ironmonger's ware ...	0 0 10¼ iron plates.		0 17 24
Cordage...	42 2 8	... ...	166 34 52
[Tar] and pitch, 15 gallons of tar	...	... ...	1 17 72
Garrison Stores—			
One Mortavan jar	...	... Pags. 4	
150 country hand spikes ...	...	... „ 9	
One mathematical instrument case	...	... „ 11 9	
		———	24 9 0
Gunner's Stores—			
203 Granada fuzees	...	... 2 24 34	
73 powder barrels	...	... 18 9 0	
52 powder horns	...	... 14 32 20	
		———	35 29 5
Gunner's Utensils—			
25 ashen staves	...	... 5 4 30	
9 worms	...	... [. . .]	
10 steel bitts	...	... [. . .]	
		———	5 32 [.]
		Pags. ...	359 23 [.]

Ordered by the President and Council [that] if any person or persons shall counterfeit the mint money commonly called the current money [of this . . .] or shall offer any in payment knowing it to be counterfeit they shall be punished at the discretion of the Governour and Council, and the money shall be forfeited to the Company.

Any person may cut or break in pieces any money which by the impression, colour or weight shall be suspected to be counterfeit and the person tendering the same shall be at the loss, but if it is [full] weight and good money then the person cutting or break[ing] it shall receive it at the rate for which it was [coined].

If any dispute arise, whether the pieces cutt or broke be counterfeited, it shall be determined by one of the Justices who shall take to his assistance the Assay Master and the mint shroff for the time being.

If any person or persons shall make any dye, or any seals in imitation of those used in the mint, or shall mend, begin or proceed to make them or shall assist therein, or have in their possession any such dye or seals without authority shall be punished at the discretion of the Governour and Council and so shall any person or persons who convey out of the mint any dye or seal, or who shall knowingly conceal the same.

And if any dye or seal used in the mint or any in imitation of them be found in the possession [of] any person not employed in the mint the same may be seized and produced in evidence against such person, then it shall be broke in pieces and so shall any counterfeit money produced in evidence.

Signed by order of the President and Council,

JOHN SAVAGE, Secretary.

[May] 7. Sailed sloop *Anne*, Edward Richards, for Bengal.

8. Arrived ship *Success*, Archibald Sterling, from the Malabar coast.
Arrived ship *Narcissus*, Nathaniel Hammond, from Maldiva.
This afternoon Coopyah the Vackeel to the Moratta camp arrived here and delivered the letters from the Generals and their presents to the President and Mr. Fowke.

10. Arrived the Hon'ble Company's ship *George*, Capt. John Taylor, from Fort St. David with bales and a general letter of the 6th instant.

11. Sailed the *Ruddabellab* pinnace, Jeremiah Lawrence, for Bengal.
Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 9th instant.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, MAY 11, 1741.

Messrs. Burton & Torriano *Sick*.

General letters Nos. 44 and 45 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 6th and 9th instant read, the first serving only to accompany two hundred bales of calicoes and to cover an account of disbursements on the *George*, the other advising the death of Ensign Rogers, and recommending Serjeant William De Morgan to the vacant commission which is agreed to.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper pays into the new cash three thousand, (3,000) pagodas worth of fanams and one thousand (1,000) new pagodas on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants.

Gongadara Eyah, Sombyah and Quotambaucum Gruapa, farmers of the measuring duty pay into the new cash five hundred pagodas worth of fanams for six months rent due the 20th March last on the present cowle.

The Company's merchants pay in seven thousand (7,000) pagodas of the new money in part of their 12,408 pagodas put into the mint the 27th ultimo.

Agreed to sell three hundred (300) candy of the lead remaining in the warehouse at publick outcry on Tuesday the 19th instant, the Warehousekeeper affixing notice thereof at the Sea Gate.

Agreed to send a supply of ten thousand (10,000) pagodas to Fort St. David by peons on Friday next, to consist of four thousand (4,000) pagodas of the old cash, three thousand (3,000) of the new and three thousand (3,000) pagodas worth of fanams.

The draught of a letter to Fort St. David being read and approved, was ordered to be copied fair and sent away to-morrow.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

[May] 12. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter [of] this date.
13. Sailed ships *Codah-bux*, Ismael Cawn, and *Mahomud-Bux*, Hussain Meah, for St. Thome.
14. Arrived ship *Grandison*, John Pidgeon from Fort St. David. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a letter of this date.
15. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a supply of cash and general letter of this date.
16. At ½ past 3 this morning died Mr. George Torriano. Sailed ship *Daadoo Elihu*, Shaik Farazulla, for Metchlepatam; ship *Speedwell*, Thomas Pritchard for Peg[ue].
Arrived brigantine *William and Mary*, Francis Craig, from Maldiva.

Consultation, Monday, May 18, 1741.

Mr. Burton *Sick.*

The Board this day appointed Mr. John Stratton, Chief at Vizagapatam in the room of Mr. George Torriano who died two days ago.

Mr. Monson, provisional Storekeeper, and Mr. Savage, Rental General and Scavinger.

The Board recollecting several instances of very tedious passages made by the *George* when dispatched to the West Coast at this season of the year, agreed to deferr sending her thither till the end of September next, in the mean time to send her to Vizagapatam with a further supply of money and stores for the use of the northern settlements, and to bring up what cloth may be ready there by the middle of August.

Robert Turing, surgeon's mate here appointed surgeon at Vizagapatam in the room of William Gibson, deceased.

Agreed that Mr. Monson do enquire into and report to the Board the cause of the deficiency in the cordage taken notice of in Consultation the 5th instant.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

[May] 19. Sailed ships *Success*, Archibald Sterling, and *Galatea*, William Tullie, for Bengal.
20. Sailed ship *Grandison*, John Pidgeon, for Bengal.

Consultation, Thursday, May 21, 1741.

Messrs. Burton & Monson *Absent.*

Richard Benyon Esqr., Mint Master, reads that account for last month, ballance remaining in the mint doodoes forty thousand five hundred and twelve (40,512) and fanams two hundred ninety thousand five hundred ninety two (290,592) which are carried forward and due from the mint thirty five Madrass pagodas twenty seven fanams and [sixty] cash (35-27-60) which he now pays into the cash.

The President acquaints the Board that he and Mr. Robert Douglas being appointed assignees for collecting in the effects of Capt. John Byers they had accordingly received [7,097] Pags. 5 fns. 8 c., but disputes arising amongst the [creditors] touching the division of the same, he and [Mr.] Douglas request leave to deposite the money [in] the Company's cash till the creditors shall [either] agree among themselves, or their differences [are] otherwise adjusted.

Agreed that the said sum of Pags. 7,097[–5–8] be received into cash.

The Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David having in their letter of the 2nd May left it to us to reward Coopiah who was sent vackeel to the Moratta camp; and the said Coo[piah] having intimated his desire to be admitted into some constant pay, in consideration whereof he would be always ready to go upon any service which should be thought proper to employ him in, the Board being satisfied with his fidelity and conduct in this last affair and considering that

the unsettled state of affairs in the country may make it frequently necessary to employ a capable person upon such occasions [and] beleiving this man to be very proper and fitt for the purpose, agreed to allow him a pay of five pagodas per month.

The President produces to the Board translate of a letter he received from Moorare Ghorbada, Vice-Roy of Tritchanopoly requesting a supply of amunition which being taken into consideration, the President is desired to return such an answer as shall neither be an absolute denyal or bind us to any thing hereafter which we may not think proper to comply with.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

[May] 23. Sailed brigantines *Endeavour*, James Ross, and *William & Mary*, Francis Craig, for Bengal.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, MAY 25, 1741.

Mr. Burton *Sick.*

The four last Consultations read and signed.

The Accomptant reads the journal parcels for the month of March.

The Company's merchants pay into the new cash five thousand four hundred eight pagodas (5,408) in full of what was [. . .] them to put into the mint, and the five thousand two hundred new pagodas lent by the [President] are now repaid him.

Agreed to send a supply of ten thousand (10,000) pagodas overland to Fort St. David to morrow consisting of three thousand (3,000) of the new and seven thousand (7,000) of the [old] money ; the Secretary advising the [Deputy Governour] and Council thereof this evening.

The Import Warehousekeeper deli[vered] in as entered hereafter the account [sale of three] hundred (300) candy of lead sold at outcry [. . .] instant amounting to four thousand [four] hundred forty one pagodas eleven fanams and twenty cash (4,441–11–20) making in an [average] fourteen pagodas twenty eight fanams and seventy six cash (14–28–76) per candy.

The Board taking into consideration what punishment to inflict on the Company's and the other two shroffs under confinement in the Choultry prison it was after some debate agreed and ordered that they do stand on the pillory from nine to ten o'clock to morrow morning in the presence of one of the [. . .] and that the same punishment be [repeated] on the twenty sixth day of every month, till [an] opportunity offers of transporting them to the West Coast.

Complaints being frequently made by the military officers that the soldiers of the garrison are decoyed and carried away by the country shipping, and the same being often practiced also with the sailors belonging to the Europe ships, to prevent the like in future, it is ordered that, if any person or persons whether belonging to the country shipping or others shall hereafter be found to be any ways concerned in secreting, decoying or carrying away from the place, either by sea or land any of the military of the garrison or seafaring men belonging to the Europe ships, he or they so offending shall for the first offence be fined in the sum of fifty pagodas a head for every soldier or sailor so secreted, decoyed or carried away, and for the second offence be sent to England.

And whereas several strangers come into the place and are harboured in the publick houses without any report being made of them to the President agreeable to an order made for that purpose in President Harrison's time, it is ordered that if any inhabitant, publick house keeper or others shall for the future entertain any stranger arriving at this place either by sea or land, who has not first been with the Captain of the guard in order to his being carried or reported to the Governour, he, she or they shall for every such offence be fined in the sum of fifty pagodas.

And that no one may pretend ignorance of the foregoing orders, the Secretary is directed to affix copies thereof at the gates of the town.

The Paymaster delivers in a plan with an estimate of the cost of the barracks and lodgings for the officers proposed to be built at New Point, and the necessity thereof being sett forth in Consultation the 5th instant the Paymaster is ordered to set about them so soon as conveniently he can.

The Paymaster acquainting the Board he is offered $3\frac{1}{2}$ per head for the live oxen and cows bought in for the use of the garrison, the Board are of opinion it is better to accept of that price than be at the charge of keeping them any longer, and the Paymaster is hereby empowered to sell them at that rate if he finds upon tryal he can get no more.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

Fort St. George, 19th May 1741.

ACCOUNT SALES OF 300 CANDY OF LEAD SOLD THIS DAY BY PUBLICK OUTCRY AS FOLLOWS :—

Lead sold to	Candies.	Price per Candy.	Pags.	f.	c.
Moettoe Comrapa	25	at $14\frac{3}{4}$	360	18	0
Samodrew	25	$14\frac{15}{16}$	373	15	60
Gruapah	25	$14\frac{3}{4}$	360	18	0
Callatiapah	25	$14\frac{7}{8}$	371	31	40
Perpadum Chitty	25	$14\frac{15}{16}$	373	15	60
Mulinga Rama	25	$14\frac{7}{8}$	371	31	40
Mad Venkata Kisna ...	25	$14\frac{7}{8}$	371	31	40
Moettoe Comrapa	25	$14\frac{7}{8}$	371	31	40
Perpadum Chitty	25	$14\frac{7}{8}$	371	31	40
Tannie Chitty	25	$14\frac{7}{8}$	371	31	40
Nella Chitty	25	$14\frac{7}{8}$	371	31	40
Samodrew	25	$14\frac{13}{16}$	370	11	20
	300 Candies	... Pags.	4,441	11	20

Errors Excepted
per
WILLIAM MONSON,
Import Warehousekeeper.

A CALCULATE FOR BUILDING OFFICERS' LODGINGS AND BARRACKS, FOR THE MILITARY AT NEW POINT.

To consist of three rooms for a lieutant and ensign, barracks for fifty men and ten gunners, [. . .] arms, store room, godown and cook room and [. . .] house with pallisadoes &ca. according to a [plan] delivered Vizt.

		Pags.	f.	c.
Bricks	440,000	300	0	0
Terrass do.	50,000	22	0	0
Paving do.	6,200	10	0	0
Chinam	2,000 parrahs.	150	0	0
Jaggery	3 candy.	24	0	0
Gram, carracoy and hemp ...	...	15	0	0
Water	...	5	0	0
Potts, pans and strings	...	5	0	0
Doors and frames	8	96	0	0
Windows	18	164	0	0
Beams	10	80	0	0
Joyces	180	240	0	0
Prown planks	65	195	0	0
Sheathing boards	280	70	0	0
Nails	5 cwt.	27	18	0
Smith's work	..	10	0	0
Bricklayers' cooleys	...	150	0	0
Carpenters, sawers' cooley &ca. ...	...	140	0	0
	Pags. ...	1,703	18	0

[May] 25. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a letter of this date.
26. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a supply of cash and a letter of this date. Sailed brigantine *Vizagapatam*, Gudee syrang for Vizagapatam.
27. Arrived ship *Bon Voyage*, Caetano Fereira from Pondicherry. Ship *Lancaster*, James Barton, from Surat.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed. General letters read, Vizt.

No. 46, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David, without date, acknowledging the receipt of the supply of cash sent them the 15th and of our letters of the 12th and 15th instant, advising that Irzapa Chittee has paid the fine of five hundred pagodas, and that some of the old money last sent them was reported to them to be lower than seven touch, inclosing copy of an order they have published concerning the new pagodas, and recommending Mr. Harris's claim to the vacancy at this Board occasioned by Mr. Torriano's death.

No. 47, from Mr. Prince at Ingeram of the 10th instant, advising the difficulties he meets in his investment from the dearness of cotton and the French not regarding the measure of the cloths.

No. 48, from Mr. Andrews at Maddapolam of the 16th instant, advising the death of Mr. Joseph Goddard the Resident there that morning and promising his best care of the Hon'ble Company's effects till he receives our orders.

Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, reads that account for last month Vizt.

	Pags.	f.	c.
Custom on goods	3,010	28	64
Do. on grain	532	34	20
Anchorage	84	0	0
	3,627	27	4

ballance due from him seven thousand five hundred thirty one pagodas twenty eight fanams and fifty six cash [7,531–28–56] of which he pays in eleven hundred fifty seven (1,157) pagodas.

Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper his account for last month read, ballance due from him twenty one fanams sixty one cash (21—61) which is carried forward.

Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, reads that account for last month Vizt.

	Pags.	f.	c.
Charges garrison	2,376	15	70
Charges diet	583	12	0
Charges cattle	66	24	0
Charges general	601	12	22
Charges extraordinary	245	2	10
Charges hospital	53	13	0
Fort Marlbrough	10	0	0
Maddapollam Factory	16	4	0
Black Town wall	2,147	8	30
Repairs of fortifications	97	20	10
	6,197	3	62

ballance due to him eleven hundred ninety seven pagodas three fanams and sixty two cash (1,197–3–62) which is now paid him out of new cash.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in his account are entered hereafter.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, pays in two thousand (2,000) new pagodas on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants; and reads that account for last month ballance due from him eighteen hundred fifteen pagodas five fanams and seventeen cash (1,815–5–17) which is carried forward.

William Monson, Land Customer, reads that account for last month, Vizt.

	Pags.	f.	c.
Choultry customs	400	21	6
Registering slaves	0	24	0
	401	9	6

ballance due from him three hundred eighty eight pagodas nineteen fanams and six cash (388–19–6) which he now pays into the new cash.

William Monson, provisional Storekeeper, reads that account for last month and pays into the new cash sixteen hundred sixty seven pagodas three fanams and fifty two cash (1,667–3–52) in full of the ballance thereof due from Mr. Torriano deceased.

The Secretary lays before the Board the rent roll for the year ending the 31st August 1740 as prepared by Mr. Torriano for Mr. Stratton, which is now signed for him. The amount of the quit rents being Pags. 2,224–31.
of the Scavinger's duty „ 970–0.

In all 3,194–31.

three thousand one hundred ninety four pagodas thirty one fanams, which is one hundred ninety pagodas nineteen fanams (190–19) less than the amount of the former roll occasioned by the number of houses, gardens, shops and sheds pulled down on the approach of the Morattas.

Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chittee, betle and tobacco farmers pay into the cash eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (833-12) for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence pay into the new cash three hundred thirty five (335) pagodas for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

The Paymaster and the military officers having been to survey Queen's Point agreeable to an order of the 20th past, now deliver in their report of it's present condition with their opinion of what is proper to be done thereto, and the Board being also of opinion that the addition proposed is very necessary for the defence of that part of the town, agreed that the Paymaster sett about it as soon as possible.

Ordered that Gruapanaigue's peons be discharged, but the rest to be continued in pay till we can judge whether the Nabob is in earnest to come down here.

Quotambaucum Gruapa one of the late farmers of the Town Brokerage and Measuring Duty complains to the Board that Pentapatty Narsoo the person who acted with him in trust for the son of Anamunta Kistnama had a ballance in his hands of pagodas 659–1–15, which arose from the dutys of those two farms collected by the said Narsoo who had absconded, and therefore desired the assistance of the Board to oblige the said Narsoo to return and to pay the ballance in his hands; for that otherwise the said Quotambaucum Gruapa was unable to pay the arrears due to the Company.

Ordered that the Company's Braminy fix a citation at the usual places ordering the said Pentapatty Narsoo to appear in one month, or otherwise that his houses and gardens or what other effects of his can be found shall be sold for satisfaction of the debt.

The Company's merchants not having brought in any cloth lately or taken any money in advance, they were ordered to attend, and being called in and discoursed concerning the investment, alledged that it could not be thought strange they had not brought in any cl[oth] for some months past, as every body had been in continual dread and apprehensions that the Morattas would overrun this province as soon as they had taken Tritchanopoly, and though they had taken another rout and were returned towards their own country without coming again into this province, yet many of the weavers and spinners who had fled from the towns and

villages in the country were not yet returned to their habitations, besides that the danger upon the roads had been a great hinderance to the bringing of any quantities of cotton and cotton yarn from the distant countries by which means those two necessary articles were become very dear, and scarce, in so much that the natives found a difficulty in getting cloth made sufficient for their own wear. For all which reasons they could not as yet hope get any cloth that was good and fitt for [the Company] at any tollerable rate. They concluded [. . .] promising that upon the first advice from their gomastas that any business could be done they would immediately let us know it.

The Fort St. David letter just now read being taken into consideration, an answer thereto is now agreed on.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1741, ARISE AS FOLLOWS VIZT.

		Pags. fns. c.
Charges garrison—		
Sundry stores laid in for the use of the garrison ...		58 15 0
Charges general—		
100 extraordinary peons	85 18 0	
Batta abroad and at home	41 17 20	
Fitting up the Second's pallankeen	18 1 0	
Making of wheel barrows	7 29 60	
Making of herses	12 0 36	
		164 30 [36]
Charges extraordinary—		
Paid for dieting choultry prisoners this month ...	2 3 0	
Marshall's note for dieting a lunatick soldier	2 0 0	
Allowance money for Mr. Ackman's child	2 0 0	
House rent for the Reverend Mr. Wynch	7 0 0	
Gave Imaum Sahib's mauldar upon receiving a present of fruit	0 33 10	
Gave Rawsawalagan's mauldar upon receiving a present of fruit	0 22 0	
2 boats for carrying goods to Fort St. David	20 0 0	
Batta for peons to attend do.	2 0 0	
Cooley hire for carrying the chests	0 4 0	
Batta allowed the following peons at the out batterys. Peddanaigues 170, Gruapanaigues 80 } 250 peons at fns. 30 each per month	208 12 0	
		245 2 [10]
Fort Marlbrough—		
Allowance money to Raja Culaden and servants ...		10 0 0
Maddapollam factory—		
Allowed Mr. Churchey for his charges thither ...		16 4 0
Black Town wall—		
Materials used and workmen employed as per book account particulars		2,147 8 3
Repairs of fortifications—		
Materials used and workmen employed in sundry places as per book account particulars		97 20 [10]
Pags. ...		2,739 8 6

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PERSIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA., COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

According to your orders we have surveyed Queen's Point, which we find to be crackt and burst in six places, and in the present condition of no manner of defence being liable to fall on the discharge of the cannon, wherefore we think it

absolutely necessary that it should be immediately repaired and enlarged, as that part of the Black Town requires a good battery and would be of the utmost consequence in case of an enemy's approach, we herewith deliver your honour &ca. a plan of what addition we are of opinion is necessary there, which we humbly submit, and are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants.

NICHOLAS MORSE—PETER ECKMAN—JOHN HOLLAND—WILLIAM HENRY SOUTHBY.

Fort St. George,
28th May, 1741.

[*May*] 29. Arrived ship *Prince of Wales*, Robert Turpin, from Surat.

30. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

31. Arrived ships *Pultney*, Robert Castle, and *Patarahemaanee*, Mullah Shaw Haddeen from Surat; brigantine *Fort St. George*, Thomas Bayle, from Calicut.

[*June*] 1st. Arrived ship *Anne*, Samuel Allen, from Surat.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1741.

The President reads the cash account for last month the ballance whereof now compared with the cash chests consisting of fifty eight thousand nine hundred twenty five (58,925) pagodas of the old cash, sixteen thousand two hundred ninety six pagodas three fanams and forty two cash (16,296–3–42) of the new cash and thirty five (35) Madrass pagodas is carried forward.

Agreed that five thousand (5,000) pagodas be advanced the Paymaster for the charges of the running month.

The provisional Storekeeper delivers in a report as now read and entered hereafter accounting for the deficiency in the cordage taken notice of in Consultation the 5th and recommended to his enquiry the 18th of last month.

Then were read the Regulations made by our Hon'ble Masters for the military under this Presidency received by the *Cæsar*, the consideration of which was then postponed upon account of the troubles in the country, but were now debated and considered article by article.

As to the first regulation directing the Governour to reside at the Fort or Garden House, that is known to be strictly complied with and whoever is Governour here will find he has but little leisure for tours in the country.

In compliance with the second the Secretary is ordered to draw out commissions for the three Lieutenants of this garrison to be signed by the Governour and Council next Consultation.

The 3rd, 5th, 8th and 9th together with the other regulations, are ordered to be copied out and given to the Lieutenants for constant observation, except for so far as we have taken upon us to make any alteration.

With regard to the 4th no military man is discharged but by order of this Board. To those who will contract for a further time we give a gratuity of five pagodas, others will [not contract] to serve any certain time, but however [remain] here some years after their time is out, and we [are] glad to continue them in pay, as the charge of [new] recruits is for so long saved.

The 6th we suppose alludes to a practice in Europe. But having no more than 3 Lieutenants here, and till last year only two, and so few private men neither one or other can be excused from their duty, except in case of sickness or some other extraordinary occasion, when the officers mount for one another, but we beleive without any pay or present and if a private man wants to go off his guard for a few hours and has good reason for it, it is very rare that he is refused by his officer.

The 7th directs that no military man be allowed to keep a publick house for retailing strong liquors &ca. But it has been observed in former times when they

were permitted to keep publick houses, and were discharged the military, many of them were extreamly troublesome in the town, particularly when no Europe ships were in the road, when they were put to it to get their livelyhood, and were guilty of many irregularities. But as some publick houses are necessary to entertain the sailors when the Europe ships are in the road so many of the military are permitted to keep such houses as are wanted for that purpose during such time, but however are obliged to appear when their companys are exercised, and to return to constant duty when the Europe ships are gone, by which means they are always kept fitt for service, under a due subordination to their officers and liable to be punished for any irregularities which otherwise could not be avoided and would occasion very great trouble to the justices, as to such who have been brought up to any particular trade or profession in England, we beleive if they had not been addicted to liquor or laziness, they would not have been under a necessity of coming as soldiers to the Indies, at least the instances are very rare that any of them have got their bread here.

The 10th directs the Governour to appoint from among the officers an experienced and capable person to act as his adjutant &ca. without determining upon the difficulty of making such choice, especially as such person is to be allowed only fifteen pagodas per month, and have no other employment during his being adjutant. We take leave to remark that as the highest officers under the Governour have only Lieutenant's commissions, the appointing an adjutant would in a manner be appointing a superiour officer to them, which would be at least a slight upon men who have hitherto behaved well in their stations, and upon whom we must principally depend, in case of action; but we fear also it may otherwise be attended with very ugly effects for the temper and disposition of the military men, which are sent out being considered and that a very strict discipline is necessary to keep them in order, we apprehend that if an adjutant was appointed to hear their complaints against their Lieutenants it would lessen the dependance of the men upon their officers, destroy in a great measure that subordination which is necessary and in the end be attended with frequent mutinies. In fine, as the military are all stationed so close under our eyes, if the officers are guilty of too great severity, or give their men any just reason of complaint, we must soon know it, and shall doubtless rectifye any abuses for all which reasons we hope our Hon'ble Masters will not disapprove our non-compliance with their 10th regulation till their further orders.

The officer of the guard visits the hospital once a day to see that no abuses happen there. The surgeons have hitherto reported to the President the number of men entered in and discharged from the hospital and how many remained there every month, but from henceforth they shall also give a list of their names.

Our present method being considered we beleive it will fully answer all the ends proposed by the 11th, 12th and 13th regulations. The duty performed in the garrison, a copy of which is entered hereafter, will shew how frequently the men are exercised. The number and names of the military are monthly laid before the Council; muster rolls are drawn up and signed by the officers and delivered to the Paymaster, who sees every man paid and as the Paymaster is one of the Council we take him to be a more proper person and more to be depended on to prevent any abuses at the pay table than an inferiour servant.

It is recommended to the Paymaster to pay due regard to the 14th regulation, and as to the 15th it is our practice here, when any recruits arrive from England to pay them 12 fanams called refreshing money, and they are entered upon the roll in order to receive what pay is due to them from the day of their arrival to the end of the month. If any are discharged or dye, it has likewise been the practice hitherto to allow the month's pay, they are discharged or dye in, and if any are promoted or degraded their pay commences from the first of the next month according to their rank then.

Separate lists shall be sent home according to the directions in the 16th regulation and the Governour promises his care to see the 17th complied with except

that whereas the soldiers are directed to be new cloathed once in two years, they are so constantly upon duty here that we find it necessary to new cloath them every year.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

Dr. THE HON'BLE COMPANY'S (NEW) CASH. Contra. *Cr.*

May.			Pags.	fns.	c.
1.	To ballance brought from last month's account		4,306	11	58
5.	To Richard Benyon Esqr. borrowed of him to advance the Paymaster.		2,000	0	0
11.	To William Monson, Import Warehouse keeper received of him in fanams	3,000			
	On account of broad cloth delivered the merchants. N. Pags.	1,000			
			4,000	0	0
	To the Company's merchants received of them in part of what delivered them to put into the mint the 27th ultimo. N. Pags.		7,000	0	0
	To Gongadarah Eyah, Sombyah and Quotambaucum Gruapah, farmers of the measuring duty received 6 months' rent due 20th March last. Fans.		500	0	0
21.	To Richard Benyon Esqr., Mint-master, received the ballance of that account for last month Madras Pags.		35	27	60
	To creditors of Capt. John Byers, deposited by Richard Benyon Esqr. and Robert Douglas assignees till the claims of the several creditors shall be adjusted as per Consultation of this date N. pags.		7,097	5	8
25.	To Company's merchants received in full for what delivered them to pay into the mint the 27th ultimo		5,408	0	0
28.	To Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, received in part the ballance of that account for last month ...		1,157	0	0
	To William Monson, Import Warehouse keeper, received on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants		2,000	0	0
	To William Monson, Land Customer, received the ballance of that account for last month		388	19	6
	To George Torriano, Storekeeper, received of Mr. Monson in full the ballance of that account for last month		1,667	3	52
28.	To Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chittee, betle and tobacco farmers received 1 month's rent due 5th instant		833	12	0
	To Ram Chundra and Gannapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence, received 1 month's rent due 5th instant ...		335	0	0
			36,728	7	24

May.			Pags.	fns.	c.
5.	By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, advanced him for the running month		5,000	0	0
15.	By Fort St. David, sent thither overland in fans.	3,000			
	New Pags.	3,000			
			6,000	0	0
21.	By Madrass pagodas for the mint April ballance		35	0	0
25.	By Richard Benyon Esqr. repaid him what borrowed of him the 27th and 30th ultimo and 5th instant		5,200	0	0
26.	By Fort St. David, sent thither overland New Pags.		3,000	0	0
28.	By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, paid the ballance of that account for last month		1,197	3	62
			20,432	3	62
31.	By ballance carried to next month's account		16,292	3	42
			36,728	7	24

Dr. The Hon'ble Company's (old) cash.

May.		Pags.	fns.	c.
1.	To ballance brought from last month's account	69,925	0	0

The Hon'ble Company's (old) Cash. Contra.

		Pags.	fns.	c.
15.	By Fort St. David sent thither overland	4,000	0	0
26.	By Fort St. David sent thither overland	7,000	0	0
		11,000	0	0
31.	By ballance carried to next month's account	58,925	0	0
		69,925	0	0

Dr. Madras Pagodas. *Cr.*

May.		Pags.	fns.	c.
21.	To the Hon'ble Company's (New) cash, for the mint, April ballance.	35	0	0

May.		Pags.	fns.	c.
31.	By ballance carried to next month's account	35	0	0

ERRORS EXCEPTED. RICHARD BENYON.

The duty of military officers and soldiers as daily pracilsed in this garrison of Fort St. George, 1741.

Captain's Duty.

The Captain of the guard for the time being to order the drum to beat to arms at seven of the clock in the morning, the mounting company to parade over against the main guard, (Sundays excepted) or elsewhere as the weather permits.

The Captain that mounts guard to meet the Captain that dismounts, on the parade while the mounting company are under arms, in the morning about seven of the clock, and on Sundays about nine, there to receive the usual reports, and also any extraordinary orders, that the dismounting Captain may have received from the Governour during the time of his having had the charge of the guards.

The Captain of the guards for the time being to hear all manner of complaints that may be made, either by or against the military. If any country people misuse the soldiers, the Captain to send them to a justice of the peace, to have satisfaction.

If any of the military misuse the country people, upon making their complaint to the Captain of the guards, shall have (after hearing both parties) satisfaction. But if either parties have any extraordinary complaints that is of consequence, the Captain of the guards immediately to acquaint the Governour therewith.

The Captain of the guards to visit the hospital once in twenty four hours, during the time of his being on guard, and upon the decease of any of the military, to acquaint the Governour therewith, likewise upon the desertion of any of the military the Governour to be informed thereof immediately.

The Captain of the guards to attend the Governour once a day to receive his orders, ordinary or extraordinary and oftener if required.

Ensign's Duty.

The two Ensigns that mount guard are to attend the parade in the morning at beat of drum to arms, one Ensign mounts the main guard, under the Captain the other mounts the choultry himself. The Ensign that takes the main guard is to view and examine the men's arms and cloaths, whilst under arms to see them in good order, and fit to mount guard those who are any ways out of order he is to report them to the Captain of the main guard.

All reports from the out guards, whether ordinary or extraordinary are to be reported to the Ensign of the main guard during the Captain's absence, who is to send them to the Captain by a Serjeant as soon as possible.

The Ensign of the (White Town) or main guard to go the rounds in the White Town at ten of the clock at night attended by a Corporal and four men. He is to visit all the gates in the White Town, and to inspect into the officers and men of the several guards he passeth, to see that they are in fitt order for their night duty, and that their centinels are alert on their posts, to see that those gates that should be shutt are fast and secure, whatever he sees deficient or out of order to report it at his return to the Captain of the main guard.

He is also to see the main guard gate shutt, and all the keys sent up to the Captain.

The Ensign of the choultry guard to visit all the out guards in the evening about five or six a clock without any attendance. He is to see the officers and men in good order, and fit for their night duty. If any be absent or out of order, he is at his return to report them to the Captain or Ensign of the main guard.

He is to attend at his guard at ten of the clock at night to draw out his men to receive the Ensign of the main guard when he comes the rounds. He is to see his gate shutt about eleven of the clock at night, and to see his guard in good order, to send up his keys to the main guard, and to report the condition his guard is in. He is also to examine all strangers coming overland through any of his out gates, as soon as he is informed of it, by the Serjeant or Corporall through which gate they come to send their names and place from whence they came, to the Captain or Ensign of the main guard.

Serjeant and Corporal's Duty.

The Serjeants of the mount in [the] company are to attend the parade in the morning (with their halberts in their hands) when the drum beats to arms they are to size and regulate the men under arms, to keep silence among the men and to avoid talking themselves. They are to take their turns one each mounting morning to make up the company in rank and file, and to report to the Captain of the guard and to the Ensign that takes the main guard, what number of men there are paraded. If any gone into the hospital, he is to report them to the Captain of the main guard. The Serjeants after they are detached to their respective guards, are not to quit their guards themselves nor to suffer the Corporal or private men to do the same, without first having liberty from their Ensign by whom they are detached. The Serjeants with their Corporals are to exercise their men every morning on their guards, in order to make them expert, against they come to be exercised by their Ensigns on the Island, the Serjeants and Corporals of both White and Black Town are to go the night rounds every hour, attended with a proper guard, from ten at night to five the next morning, to see that the centinels are alert on their posts, and to enquire what condition the guards are in they pass to give the parole to the Corporal of every guard he passeth. The Black Town rounds make all their reports to the choultry guards, the White Town rounds to make all reports to the main guard, to deliver their leaden chop marked with the hour they began their rounds, that the Captain of the guard may know if any have neglected going round in their turn.

One Serjeant and Corporal each day after they come off guard are to stand orderly in their turns according to seniority; their duty is to receive at four of the clock the parole and other orders that may be issued out at the main guard that day, and to carry them to the Captains and Ensigns that are off guard.

They are to keep an exact roll of those men that are to sleep in the barracks that night; as soon as the gun has fired they are to begin to call the roll, to report the absent men to the Ensign of the main guard; they are to keep silence after the roll is called; no man is to be lett out after gun fire at night except one Serjeant one Corporal and twelve men, half black half white, who are to go from the barracks with arms to the Governour's Garden House from thence a Serjeant and six men go at eleven round the suburbs to see if the boutiques are all shutt and that no disturbance is made in the streets through which they pass, to suppress gaming houses, to stop all people suspected to be running of goods, and a corporal and six men go the same at two. The Serjeants and Corporals of the out guards are to lock their gates exactly at ten o' clock at night and immediately to report the same, and the condition their guards are in, to the Ensign of the choultry, as also in the morning at gun fire after having opened their gates to send their report as above.

The orderly Sergeant and Corporal are to see the barracks swept clean, to see that the tanks be filled with good sweet water, and a sufficient number of lights at night. The barrack and hospital doors to be shutt at ten at night and opened at gun fire in the morning.

Exercise.

The company that comes off guard on Monday morning to be called together by beat of drum about five the same evening on the parade against the main guard, there to be regulated by the Serjeants and to receive their powder, from thence they are marched upon the Island, by two Ensigns that are off guard, one Ensign each Monday takes his turn according to seniority to give the word of command to exercise the company, beginning with the manual exercise, so to the evolutions and plattoon or any other different firing, as he shall see most convenient, the men are to keep a profound silence, to hearken diligently to the word of command and to perform all their motions with life together. No officer is to give any orders on the Island but him whose turn is to exercise the men.

Mounting the companies is in this manner: that company that comes off guard one morning mounts in the White Town next [day] and the day after mount in

the Black Town, and the next day come off again, so that two companies are continually on guard, and one off alternately.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA., COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

In compliance with your order of the 18th ultimo to enquire into the cause of the deficiency in the cordage taken notice of in Consultation of the 5th of that month and which then appeared so large on the quantity just before sold at outcry, I have examined the storehouse books for some years past and find that loss should have been computed on the whole quantities of the last and two preceding years, an abstract of which is as follows.

The quantity remaining and received in the year.		cwt.	qr.	lb.
1738	was ...	610	0	27
1739	... ...	1,295	2	13
1740	... ...	2,158	0	25
So that on the whole	...	4,064	0	9

The loss that appeared in weighing the remains in April.	cwt.	qr.	lb.	
1739 was	8	2	1	abt. 1
1740	17	1	20	abt. $1\frac{1}{4}$
1741	23	3	19	abt. $1\frac{1}{3}$

the loss of cwt. 486-2-8 is a but little more than one and three sixteenths ($1\frac{3}{16}$) per cent., whereas I am informed upon enquiry that cordage in private trade is commonly found to waste and dry about three (3) per cent the first year of it's being in this country. I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

WILLIAM MONSON,
Provisional Storekeeper.

Fort St. George, 1st June 1741.

[June] 2. Received by peons from Vizagapatam general letters of the 1st and 11th May.

3. Received overland from the *Nottinghxm* at Fort St. David [. . .] general letters from Tellicherry dated the 2nd [. . .] ultimo.

S[ent by] Coopyah the vackeel to the Morattas, returning [from] Fort St. David, a general letter of this date.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1741.

The two last Consultations read and signed.

General letters read Vizt.

Nos. 49 and 50 from Mr. Saunders at Vizagapatam of the 1st and 11th ultimo, the former advising of a visit he had been obliged to make the Nabob of those parts, and inclosing cash and Paymaster's accounts for April, the other advising the receipt of several from us and the arrival of the *Calcutta* sloop the 4th ultimo, which sailed on for the Bay the 7th with twelve thousand (12,000) Madrass rupees, desiring a further supply of Madrass pagodas (the *Fort St. George* sloop not having been there) and advising of Mr. Goodere's arrival there.

Nos. 51 and 52 from the Chief and Council at Tellicherry, the first dated the 2nd ultimo, being a duplicate of what intended us by the *Hallifax* (not yet arrived), advising what concerned her dispatch for this coast, the arrival of the *Godolphin* from England and her dispatch for China, that she had met the *Haeslingfield* at the Cape but had heard nothing there of the *Normanton* and *Harrington*, and that they were dispatching the *Nottingham* for England. The other dated the 10th ultimo covering the former and advising their having dispatched the *Nottingham* (now at Fort St. David) for England and that the *Hallifax* had not taken in her quantity of pepper ordered from Bombay.

Agreed that two thousand (2,000) pagodas be advanced the Export Warehousekeeper for the painters.

The *Fort St. George* sloop having in all probability passed by Vizagapatam and gone on to the Bay, the Board considered that it would be necessary to send a further supply of Madrass pagodas to Vizagapatam, and upon debating which would be the best method to procure the same, it was considered that there are in the old cash 17,400 pagodas of 76 to 78 touch, that those pagodas, if paid to the merchants to be paid the weavers, will not pass for more than those of 70 to 73, which last may when wanted be bought in town from 13 to 15 per cent discount; consequently if we were to coin the 17,400 pagodas abovementioned there would be a saving to the Company, in which view the Assaymaster was sent for and his opinion asked, whether it would be more for the Company's interest to coin the money themselves or agree with the shroffs to deliver us Madrass pagodas in exchange at a certain rate. To which he replied that he had observed the shroffs who sorted the pagodas did generally guess them at a higher touch than they turned out, and if we coined them ourselves, they might not prove so good as they were reported, besides being considerably worse than Madrass pagodas, there would be a loss in burning which the shroffs would save by mixing fine gold with them. That therefore they could coin them cheaper, and consequently they could afford to deliver Madrass pagodas to us at a cheaper rate than we could coin them ourselves; upon which Linga Chitty being sent for, after much discourse the Board agreed to deliver him 17,400 pagodas for which in twenty days he is to deliver us $15,130\frac{10}{23}$ Madrass pagodas, being at the rate of 115 current for 100 Madrass.

The saving to the Company we compute as follows.

We can buy for our new Star money, pagodas 70 to 73 touch, from 13 to 15 per cent, but say ... ... 14 per cent.

By coining the 17,400 pagodas, Madrass pagodas will cost 15 per cent.

But for the new Star money we could buy them for ... 10 per cent.

difference 5 per cent

will remain saving of ... 9 per cent.

Ordered that 2000 pagodas of the new money be advanced Teremungalum Comrapa to provide chints morees.

Commissions for Lieutenants Eckman, Holland and Southby were produced, read and signed by the Governour and Council, which the Secretary is ordered to deliver in the stead of those formerly signed by the Governour only.

Richard Benyon.—Randall—Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

[*June*] 5. Arrived the Hon'ble Company's ship *Halifax*, Captain John Blake, from Bombay, Tellicherry and Calicut with general letters from those places of the 17th April and 2nd and 6th May.

Sailed *Nossa Senhora De Rozairo*, Anthonio Varella, for Macao.

6. Died Mr. Edward Michell, Junior merchant.

8. Received by peons from Maddapollam a letter from Mr. Andrews dated the 23rd ultimo.

Consultation, Monday, June 18, 1741.

Mr. Burton *Sick*.

General letters read Vizt.

No. 53 from the President and Council of Bombay of the 17th April advising the dispatch of the *Royal Guardian*, *Mountague* and *Princess Louisa* and other occurrences respecting the Honble Company's shipping particularly the *Nottingham*, and *Halifax* and inclosing copy of the invoice and bill of lading for the cotton consigned to Bengal on the latter.

No. 54 from Mr. West at Calicut covering copy of the invoice and bill of lading for pepper shipped there in the *Halifax* for Bengal.

The letter from Tellicherry by the *Halifax* being the original of what was before received and read under No. 51, covered copy of the invoice and bill of lading for the pepper laden there on that ship for Bengal.

No. 55 from Mr. Andrews at Maddapollam dated the 23rd ultimo, inclosing the cash accounts of that Residency for January, February, March and April, a list of the merchants and the ballances due from, and an inventory of the stock of that place taken there the 16th May; these two last mentioned papers are entered after the said letter.

Letter from Captain Blake of the *Halifax* read as entered hereafter acquainting us that he had received very positive orders from Bombay to touch at Anjengo to land the military, treasure and stores put on board him for that place and giving his reasons why he had not been able to comply with those orders desiring also the advice and directions of the Board, what further to do in such an emergency, and whether it would be more proper to land here, in hopes of a more speedy conveyance from hence or carry on with him to the Bay the said military, treasure and stores, of which a list sent in by him is entered after the said letter.

The Board having considered the purport of the said letter, that the gentlemen at Anjengo may be in much want of this supply, and that some ship will probably be going from hence to the Malabar Coast before any conveyance can offer from the Bay or otherwise that we shall know it time enough to send them on to the Bay by the latter shipping to be forwarded from thence, it is agreed to give Captain Blake an order as entered hereafter to send ashoar the gunner, military, treasure and stores he has on board of the Company's together with his packet for Anjengo.

Ordered that the Import Warehousekeeper and storekeeper receive the Anjengo treasure and stores of Captain Blake and that the Paymaster make the necessary provision for the military and gunner.

Agreed to despatch the *Caesar* to England from hence in company with the *Nottingham*, the Captain of which we suppose intends to leave this coast early in September, and that the Secretary advise Captain Cummings of our intention.

Ordered also that he acquaint Captains John Blake, John Taylor and Samuel Lutton that we have appointed them to go on board to survey the *Caesar* and to report to us whether she be in a proper condition to take in her cargo for England and whether she be properly manned and officered.

The President acquaints the Board that some days ago all the bamboo cooleys, bag cooleys, head cooleys and back cooleys had left the bounds, upon which he sent to them to know the reason, and why they run away without first applying to him to acquaint him what were their complaints. They returned him an answer that they could not maintain themselves and families for the hire which they were paid and refused to return till that was increased. The President then ordered their families to be turned out of town and upon that they thought fitt to desire leave to come in again, and having since delivered him their petitions setting forth their grievances, the enquiry into which would be very tedious at the Board, Messrs. Morse and Monson were appointed a committee to examine into the matter thereof and report to the Board if it be reasonable to allow them [any], and what relief.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &c^{a}., Council
of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The President and Council of Bombay having given me very positive orders to touch at Anjengo to land the military stores and treasure they had put on board the *Halifax* for that place, I think it incumbent on me to lay before your honour &ca. the reasons for my not having complied with those orders which will appear at large in a Consultation I held with my officers on that occasion a copy of which (to save your honour &ca. the trouble of a repetition) I take the liberty to annex

hereto, and I flatter myself they will be thought of so much weight as to clear me from any censure for such breach of orders, and to justify my conduct therein as well to the settlement from whom I received them, as to the Hon'ble Company, and your honour, &ca.

I am also obliged to request your honour, &ca. will favour me with your advice, and directions concerning what may be most proper for me to do further in this emergency, whether you shall think fit to order me to land the said military, treasure and stores here in order to their being forwarded to Anjengo from hence, or whether to continue them on board in order to my carrying them on with me to Anjengo from the Bay.

Your honour &ca's. advice and commands on this occasion will greatly oblige and shall be punctually regarded by, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

Fort St. George,
8th June, 1741.

John Blake

At a Consultation, held aboard the *Halifax* by commander and officers.

It was unanimously agreed to pass Anjengo, and make the best of your way for Madrass, for the following reasons.

As we have had a very long (unexpected) passage from Calicutt (Vizt. 11 days) during which time we have met with contrary winds, and very troublesome weather, that it is with great difficulty we got so farr to the southward, the winds hanging for the major part between the S.S.E. and S.W. attended with frequent hard squalls of wind, which obliged us many times in the twenty four hours to haul up all our sails, and when we had not those flurries of wind, it was generally calm. We also met with strong currents against us setting us to the northward of our accounts from 12 to 24 miles a day, and that it sett us to the eastward withall, will appear by our journalls in making the land the 10th instant. We had also large swells from the S.W. all which made us apprehensive we should find a difficulty in getting clear of the coast, and especially if the monsoons should set in, which we had reason daily to expect on account of the season of the year (being very late) as also from other symptoms of its approaching, therefore we endeavoured to keep an offen, till we got so farr to the southward as Anjengo.

The 16th at noon the weather appearing somewhat fair, and the wind being to the northward of the west, was in hopes we should have had an opportunity of touching at Anjengo (notwithstanding the lateness of the season) to land our stores, accordingly bore away for that purpose. The 18th at 3 in the morning judging ourselves near Anjengo brought too in 35 fathom and fired a gun as a signall to the fort to hang out a light for us to run in by, not seeing any, lay too till morning. We then judged ourselves in latitude of 8. 32 N; chusing to be to the southward of our port to get a weather gage having all the reason in the world to expect the winds from that quarter; in the night the weather begun to be unsettled having much thunder and lightning with squalls and rain in the western board [. . .] day light very unsettled weather, so that for [some time] could not see the land, notwithstanding, that [. . .] away in order to put ashore our stores, but the [. . .] unexpectedly flying out of the northern board, found [it to] be difficult to fetch Anjengo Road, which bore [. . .] of us; about 8 A.M. we had such a large swell [setting] from the S.W. (appearing rather like a surff than [. . .]) which increased very much and the more so, as we [run] further in and shoaled our water, at the same time a [thick] heavy bank arising from the S.W. gave us room to suspect the monsoon was going to set in upon us, [and] we have been informed by people of experience that it [is] a certain sign of its near approach and that it [generally] sets in about full, or change and as tomorrow at 11 in the morning the moon is at the full it confirms our suspicion.

That if there was a possibility of beating off against the S. W. monsoon, and such a sea as generally brings with it, we are but in an indifferent capacity to carry sail to it, as we are light (though full) and crank for such an occasion, notwithstanding we [. . .] in ninety one boats of ballast, each of which is said to contain two tuns, with forty tunn of kentledge, we [brought] out of England makes in all two hundred and twenty two tuns of ballast, yet the ship is so tender that with an indifferent fresh gale, and two reefs in the top sails, [. . .] lays very much down, and this we impute to the Bom[bay] ballast, which is spungy takes up much room, and neither solid nor ponderous, and has been the occasion [of] filling the ship, so that we could not take in our tunnage.

The Commander communicated [the] instructions from Bombay, which was to touch at Anjengo at all events, but do not apprehend that [when] they gave those orders, they imagined we should be no further at this time, but rather that we should have [left] this place about a fortnight past, as indeed at that time we ourselves expected. It would give us much satisfaction if we thought it possible to put these people and stores [ashoar] as they put us to some ill convenience, the unexpected length of our passage having obliged us to put our own people, as well as them to allowance of water, as also their provision being all expended, are obliged to supply them out of the ship's stock of rice &ca. of which we are not so well provided to spare, as we brought no more off the coast, than we imagined would serve us round to Bengall, where it is to be had at a cheaper rate; besides we do not beleive we shall be so well supplied, (in return) at Madrass, on account of their troubles, so that there is nothing could conduce us to carry them if they could be landed with any safety.

Lastly we are unanimously of opinion that it is not safe to put into Anjengo for the reasons before mentioned, and that those instructions from Bombay which seem to be positive, we apprehend is not to be complied with (nor ought we) at the risque of ship and cargo &c.; besides the sea is so large here, which must occasion a very great surff (this place being noted for it at the best of times) that it would be impossible to land our stores &ca. till a better opportunity, which the season of the year would not permit us to wait for. Therefore, we the Commander and officers of the ship *Halifax*, for the safety of the ship, good of the voyage and interest of all concerned, do think it absolutely necessary to make the best of our way off this coast, and to make use of this northerly wind, which seems to us as an act of Providence to give us an opportunity to get round Cape Comerine out of the seeming approaching danger.

John Blake—Hemans Nicholas—Thomas Jones—Henry Broadley—Robert Kyffin—John Nicholls.

A list of goods &c. for Anjengo.

20 maunds wood oil in 2 dappers; 1 chest containing stores No. 25; 2 cases containing stores Nos. 26. 2; 1 barrell red lead; 1 barrell white lead; 3 chests treasure Nos. 1. 2. 3.; 4 bales broad cloth Nos. 2163, 2166, 2167, 1027; 1 bale long ells; 74 barrs iron; 1 faggot steel; 1 bundle stationary ware; 900 round shot; 40 black soldiers; 4 Europeans; a gunner with stores &ct.

Private Trade.

32 bags wheat Mkt C. W. N: 1 A 32; 1 box No. 33; 69 barrs of iron; 3 or 4 small parcells.

To captain John Blake,
Commander of the Halifax.

Sir,

I am ordered by the President and Council to acknowledge their having received your letter [to] them of yesterday, and to acquaint you that having considered the purport thereof, they think proper hereby to order that you send

ashore the gunner, military, treasure and stores you have on [board] of the Company's together with the packet for Anjengo. I am, Sir,

Your very humble servant,
Fort St. George, JOHN SAVAGE.
9TH JUNE, 1741. Secretary.

To CAPTAIN ROBERT CUMMINGS,
COMMANDER OF THE CAESAR

Sir,
The President and Council having resolved to dispatch the *Caesar* to England by the first of September next, I am ordered by them to give you this notice thereof, that you make the necessary preparations.

Signed by order of the President and Council.
Dated in Fort St. George, JOHN SAVAGE,
9th June, 1741. Secretary.

To CAPTAINS JOHN BLAKE, JOHN TAYLOR, SAMUEL LUTTON.

Gentlemen,
I am ordered by the President and Council to acquaint you that they have appointed you to go on board and survey the *Caesar* and to report to them whether she be in a proper condition to take in her cargo for England, and whether she be properly manned and officered. I am, Gentlemen, your very humble servant,

Fort St. George, JOHN SAVAGE,
9TH JUNE, 1741. Secretary.

[June.] 10. Sailed ship *Bon Voyage*, Caetano Fereira for Pegue.
Received by peons from Ingeram general letters of the 23rd and 25th ultimo.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1741.

The two last Consultations read and signed. General letter Nos. 56 and 57 from Mr. Prince at Ingeram of the 23rd and 26th ultimo read. The first acquainting us that, upon advice of Mr. Goddard's being dangerously ill at Maddapollam, he had sent Mr. Andrews to assist Mr. Churchey in taking [charge] of the Company's effects there, and that being [dis....] of a supply of money from Vizagapatam [he has] ordered Mr. Andrews to send him the six thousand pagodas which Mr. Goddard had received from Vizagapatam just before his death; the other advising that Mr. Andrews had sent him only three thousand pagodas of that money.

The foregoing and the last letters [from] Mr. Andrews of the 16th and 23rd May being considered, it is agreed to order Messrs. Andrews and Churchey to send [Mr.] Prince at Ingeram the rest of the money they have there after reserving sufficient for their expences to take possession of Mr. Goddard's effects, and having taken an exact inventory thereof, to dispose of them for the most they can, and pay the produce into the Company's cash, as we know not how Mr. Goddard's account may stand with the Company when the accounts of that factory are adjusted to which end the Warehousekeeper and Accountant are ordered to get ready to be sent thither and to the other northern settlements the respective accounts, of the sortments of the cloths received from them and the adjustments necessary for the closing their several books.

There appearing a difference of pagodas 2-35-75 between the Maddapollam cash account for December sent us by Mr Goddard and the ballance carried to the January account sent us by Mr. Andrews it is agreed to order it to be enquired into.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper pays into the new cash two thousand (2,000) pagodas on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants.

The Paymaster acquaints the Board that the party of men intended by the *Halifax* for Anjengo, (having received their pay for April only) desire they may be paid here their wages for May, which he is ordered to comply with.

The provisional Storekeeper lays before the Board the following papers respecting the Company's ship *George*, Vizt.

	Rupees.			Pags.	fans.	ca.
Two accounts current of Capt. Taylor whereby there appears due to him for account of wages and disbursements from October 1740 to February 1740/41 inclusive	...			101	14	64
Captain Taylor's bill for wages due to the *George* for three months ending 31st May	999	0	0			
Captain Taylor's bill for provisions laid in by him for three months ending 31st May	...			67	32	20
An account of impress to be advanced for three months commencing the 1st instant amounting to	999	0	0			
Captain Taylor's bill for provisions laid in for three months commencing the 1st instant amounting to	...			57	3	45

And an indent for stores now wanting for the *George* all which being examined and found just, it is ordered that the Storekeeper supply the stores now indented for, and pay the ballance for arrears of wages and provisions to the 1st instant, and also the account of impress and provisions for three months from that time, for which purpose eight hundred (800) new pagodas are now advanced him.

Intending to send about twenty thousand, (20,000) Madrass pagodas to Vizagapatam five thousand five hundred (5,500) new pagodas are now paid Linga Chitty to deliver us, five thousand (5,000) Madrass with those agreed for with him the 4th instant.

The Company's merchants desiring the auroras received last season which are white lists to mix with the stop lists received in former years the Import Warehousekeeper is ordered to deliver it to them as they call for it, but to take care that they pay ready money for the same.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

[June] 12. Sailed ship *Pataruhamaanee*, Mulla Shaw Haddeen, for Bengal.

13. Arrived the Hon'ble Company's ship *Nottingham*, Captain Thomas Brown, from the Malabar Coast under dispatches from thence for England, last from Fort St. David.

Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 9th instant.

Received by peons from Anjengo a general letter of the 23rd ultimo accompanying a packet for Bombay.

15. Dispatched peons with general letters to Vizagapatam and Ingeram of this date.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1741.

MR. BURTON *Sick*.

General letters read Vizt.

No. 58 from the Chief and Factors at Anjengo of the 23rd ultimo, accompanying a packet for Bombay and desiring us to forward to them any letters for them that may have reached us by the shipping from the Mallabar coast, all which have passed them, and that in case our ships from Europe bring advice of a warr with France, we will give the earliest information we can of it.

No. 59 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 9th instant, acknowledging the receipt of the money last sent them, and in answer to ours of the 30th ultimo, inclosing a paper with ten of the pagodas we ordered to be sent up hither; advising their having made a reduction in their peons, that

they had paid their military and others in the Company's service a consideration for the damage they had suffered by the pulling down their houses, and that with our approbation they think it necessary to make the same to some others for their houses and gardens pulled down, and that no more than six hundred and fifty, (650) pagodas being offered at outcry for their arrack farm, they therefore keep it in the Company's hands under the management of Mr. Floyer and recommending for some reward [to] two Braminies sent by the Deputy Governour to the Moratta camp, and who they represent to have been very serviceable in paving the way for the present sent by Coopiah.

The purport of the foregoing letter from Fort St. David being considered an answer thereto is now agreed on, giving the gentlemen there our thoughts concerning the reduction to be made in their expenses and number of peons, approving for the reasons given what they have done respecting their arrack farm, and of the consideration they made to the military and others in the Company's service for destroying their houses and gardens permitting them to make a reasonable satisfaction to the other inhabitants also for cutting down the trees in their gardens and to reward the two Braminies they sent to the Mohratta camp, with a present of fifty (50) pagodas each.

Mr. Foxall being then sent for, the ten pagodas received from Fort St. David were delivered him to assay; and the President acquainted the Board that a parcel which Mr. Hubbard had before sent him for being reported under seventy touch were found upon trial in the mint here to be 71½ touch.

The gentlemen of Tellicherry having advised that the *Nottingham* would be dispatched from thence directly for great Britain, ordered that the Secretary demand Captain Browne's reasons in writing for coming to this port.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper pays into the new cash fanams to the amount of three thousand (3,000) pagodas.

The Sea Customer acquaints the Board that there were in the godowns four bales of aurora broad cloth and eight small pigs of lead which had been some time since landed from the *Caesar*, but which not being claimed by anybody, he desires our directions what to do with it. Ordered that, if the owner does not appear, and make good his claim thereto before Wednesday the first of July next, the Sea Customer do then sell the same at publick outcry, and pay the produce into cash, and that the Secretary affix notice hereof at the sea gate.

Agreed to return the Anjengo peons tomorrow, with the Bombay packets and other letters intended for that place by the *Halifax*, and to acknowledge the receipt of their packet for Bombay which it is agreed to forward thither on Thursday next by the way of Surat.

The inhabitants whose houses were pulled down by order of Council the 19th January being in want of ground to build themselves new houses, and the garden called John Feireiras which was let for 24 pagodas per annum and designed for that use near two years ago, being not big enough to hold them all, the Board with the consent of the renters who resign their cowle, agreed to permit the building of houses in the Company's little garden commonly called Maira Pois's, now let for 60 pagodas per annum the rather because the soil and situation of this last is such that coconutt trees will not thrive there and as the new inhabitants will be subject to pay quitt rent, it is not doubted the ground will produce more to the Company by being inhabited, than by keeping them as gardens.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

[June] 16. Returned the Anjengo peons with the Bombay packets and other letters for that place received by the *Halifax*, and a general letter of this date.

18. Sent by Shroff peons to Surat, general letter to that place and Bombay of this date with the Anjengo packet received here the 13th instant.

Received by peons general letters from Vizagapatam of the 26th May, and from Maddapollam of the 3rd instant.

19. Sailed ship *Prince of Wales*, Robert Turpin, for Bengal.

Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

20. At ten this morning anchored in our road the Hon'ble Company's ship *Prince of Orange,* Capt. Charles Hudson, from England.

CONSULTATION, SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1741.

General letters read, Vizt.

No. 60 from Mr. Saunders at Vizagapatam of the 26th ultimo requesting a further supply of money, as he dispairs of seeing the *Fort St. George* sloop.

No. 61, from Mr. Andrews at Maddapollam of the 3rd instant, inclosing his journal parcels and cash account for May and pointing out the difference in the cash accounts taking notice of in Consultation the 11th instant.

The Import Warehousekeeper presents a list of medicines provided for Vizagapatam (which could not be spared from our own stores) to the amount of seventy four pagodas eighteen fanams and twenty cash (74–18–20) which he is ordered to pay for.

Letter from Captain Browne of the *Nottingham* read as entered hereafter giving his reasons for coming to this port.

Captains Blake, Taylor and Lutton having been on board to survey the *Caesar* deliver in their report as now read and entered hereafter represent her in very good condition to take in her cargo for Europe, and that she wants five hands of her compliment.

Letter from Captain Cummings of the *Caesar* read as entered hereafter setting forth that having received orders to prepare for loading for Europe and beleiving that he shall be able to take in above his charterparty tonnage, he therefore requests to be indulged in one hundred tons of pepper or more to shoot loose in his hold at half freight.

The said request being considered it is agreed to order as much pepper from on board the *Halifax,* as Capt. Cummings will take in and that boats be sent on board to transport it, to which purpose an order to Capt. Blake is now signed. But Captain Cummings to be acquainted that we reserve to ourselves the liberty of declaring hereafter whether the said pepper shall be reckoned into his tonnage at whole freight or left out of his tonnage and go home at half freight.

Gongadarah Eyah, Soombyah and Quotambaucum Gruapah, farmers of the town brokerage pay in three hundred and fifty (350) pagodas for six months' rent due the 5th March last on the new cowle.

Captain Hudson of the *Prince of Orange* just come ashoar acquainting us that he is consigned directly for the Bay, and has no packet on board for this place. Ordered that the Secretary demand his reasons in writing for coming in here.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I received yesterday a letter from your Secretary demanding my reasons for coming to this port, and in answer thereto, am to acquaint your honour &ca. that I did not receive my dispatches from Tellicherry for England till the 10th of May at night, so late in the season as rendered my getting my passage round the Cape of Good Hope very uncertain and precarious, and if I had not succeeded in the attempt, I must have borne away and winterd at Madagascar or one of the French Islands, which the present uncertainty of affairs as to peace or war between the Crowns of Great Britain and France made me think was by all means to be avoided, as in case of a war between those powers it might have exposed the ship and cargo to very great danger; I therefore judged it most adviseable for their security to come to this port, from whence I purpose to proceed on my voyage about the 10th of September next and flatter myself that the Hon'ble Company, your honour &ca. or my owners will not disapprove my conduct therein. I am with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servant,

Fort St. George, 17th June, 1741. THOMAS BROWNE.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Having informed ourselves from Captain Cummings of the *Caesar*, that his ship would be in readiness for a survey to day, we went this morning on board her to that end in obedience to your order [of] the 9th instant and upon the strictest examination we could make, found her in a very good condition [to] take on board her cargo for England.

Having also in compliance [with] the other part of your honour &ca commands [. . .] the ship's company by a list of them at leaving [England] (delivered us by the Captain) we are to observe to your honour &ca. that the 2nd mate, 4th mate, and surgeon, purser and 2 seamen in all 6 persons are reported to [. . .] as ashore and that then she wants only five men of her compliment by the absence of the Chief mate and caulker's mate reported dead; 2 midshipmen and 1 sea men reported run.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir, and sirs, Your most obedient humble servants,

Fort St. George,
15th June, 1741. JOHN BLAKE—JOHN TAYLOR—SAMUEL LUTTON.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I have received your orders to prepare the *Caesar* to be loaded for England and have reason to believe I shall be able to take in more than my charterparty tonnage; therefore request if your honour &ca Council have any pepper on hand that you will indulge me in one hundred tons, or more to shoot loose in her hold, as I do hereby promise to enter into the usual engagements on behalf of her owners that the same shall be accounted and paid for at half freight only, provided it be not reckoned into her charterparty tonage. Your compliance herein will greatly oblige,

Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

Fort St. George, 20th June, 1741. ROBERT CUMMINGS.

TO CAPTAIN JOHN BLAKE OF THE HALIFAX.

Sir,

Captain Robert Cummings of the *Cæsar* having requested of us about an hundred tons pepper to shoot loose in his hold, you are hereby ordered to deliver to the boats as they shall come on board you that quantity or more if he will take it in. Dated in Fort St. George this 20th day of June 1741.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

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25. Sailed ship *Nossa Senhora de Concecao*, Antonio Correa de Souza, for Macao.

CONSULTATION, FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1741.

The three last Consultations read and signed.

Randall Fowke, Sea Customer reads that account for last month Vizt.

Custom on goods ...	Pags.	3,231	33	40
Do. on grain ...		283	26	20
Anchorage ...		61	18	0
		3577	5	60

balance from him nine thousand nine hundred seventeen, twenty four fanams and thirty six cash (9,917-24-36) of which he pays in twelve hundred and eight pagodas twenty four fanams (1,208-24.)

Nicholas Morse, Paymaster reads that account for last month, Vizt.

Charges garrison	Pags.	2,373	2	52
Charges diet	„	383	12	0
Charges cattle	„	66	24	0
Fort Marlborough	„	10	0	0
Charges general	„	576	32	28
Charges hospital	„	56	25	20
Charges extra	„	320	20	40
Black Town wall	„	2,468	26	75
Repairs of fortifications	„	332	29	75
		6,788	28	48

ballance due to him seventeen hundred eighty eight pagodas twenty nine fanams and forty eight cash (1,788–29–48) which is now paid him.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in his account are entered hereafter.

Letter from Captain Hudson of the *Prince of Orange* read as entered hereafter giving the reasons for coming in here.

There being eighteen soldiers on shore that came from England on the *Prince of Orange* who are so ill with the scurvy that they will not be perfectly recovered before that ship sails for the Bay. Agreed to keep them here till we see whether the latter ships will come here, or proceed directly to Bengal.

The house bought in November 1729 for the Marshall to live in being some months since fallen in, and Gongaram's godowns being in great want of repairs, and Mr. Abraham Salomons offering to purchase the first, and Coja Petrus intending to build a good house in the room of Gongaram's godowns, and good houses being much wanted in town, agreed to dispose of those two peices of ground if Messrs. Solomons and Petrus will give a reasonable price for them, and Messrs. Burton and Morse are appointed a committee to survey and report the value to the Board.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1741.

Arise as follows, Vizt.

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Charges garrison—									
Charges on stores laid in for the use of garrison ...							53	32	10
Fort Marlborough—									
Allowance to Raja Culaden and servants							10	0	0
Charges general—									
100 extraordinary peons				85	18	0			
Batta abroad and at home				49	20	40			
							135	2	40
Charges extraordinary—									
Paid for dieting 6 choultry prisoners this month				2	12	0			
Marshall's note for dieting a lunatic soldier				2	0	0			
Allowance money for Mr. Ackman's child				2	0	0			
House rent for the Reverend Mr. Wynch				7	0	0			
Gave the Moratta's mauldar upon receiving a present, 130 Rupees or	40	6	20						
Batta for Do.	16	24	0						
Gave the peons a present of 31 Rs. or	9	24	60						
Beetle nutt for Do. ...	14	20	0						
Gave the dancing wenches and country musick...	3	0	0						
				69	33	20			

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Gave Imaum Sahib's mauldars on receiving a present, 33 rupees or ..	9	32	0						
Rosewater and beetle nutt and spice...	1	17	10						
Gave the country musick and dancing wenches	3	0	0						
Cooley for carrying a present to Imaum Sahib	1	18	0	15	31	10			
Gave Mahomud Samatoocon's mauldar rupees 5 or				1	19	50			
Batta allowed the following peons Pedda naigues 170 peons ...	141	24	0						
Gruapa naigues 80 Do. for 1 month and 1 day	68	32	0	210	20	0			
Paid for dieting 4 Nincobar men 28 days	7	4	40						
Gave them 4 pieces of Cambays ...	1	12	0						
Do. 4 Do of white cloth ...	0	32	0	9	12	40	320	20	[40]
Black Town wall— Materials used and workmen employed as per book account particulars ...							2,468	26	70
Repairs of fortifications— Materials used and workmen employed as per book account particulars ...							332	29	[70]
Pagodas ...							3,321	3[7]	[70]

To THE HONB'LE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Two days ago I received a letter from your Secretary demanding my reasons in writing for coming here having no packet for this Presidency, and in answer thereto have to acquaint your honour &ca. that notwithstanding I have had a good passage (being but four months from England) yet before I passed the Cape my ship's company began to fall down with the scurvy, which daily encreased and touching nowhere, many of them are now so very ill, particularly the military I have on board for Bengall, that I am obliged to land all the latter and eleven seamen besides eight more who choose to stay aboard to avoid the expence ashore. I hope they will be so well recovered in ten or twelve days as to enable me to proceed on my voyage to the Bay. I am Hon'ble sir and sirs, your obedient humble servant,

Fort St. George, 22nd June, 1741. CHARLES HUDSON.

[June] 26. arrived ship *Phaze Salam*, James Irwin, from Surat.

CONSULTATION, SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1741.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper send on board the *Prince of Orange* and *Halifax* for the Bay as much redwood as they can take in.

Linga Chittee pays into the new cash twenty thousand one hundered and thirty Madrass pagodas sixteen fanams (20,130-16) in full of what agreed for with him in Consultation the 4th and 11th instant.

Agreed to send twenty thousand (20,000) of them and the remainder of the Arcot rupees on the *George* to Vizagapatam as a further supply for the northern settlements.

The President reads the Mint account current for last month, ballance remaining in the mint doodoes forty thousand five hundred and twelve (40,512,) fanams one hundred eighty two thousand five hundred ninety two (182,592) and twenty pagodas twenty fanams and forty cash (20-20-40) which is carried forward.

Captain Cummings and the officers of the *Cæsar* being come to an agreement with one another, the petitions delivered in by the officers the 12th March are by the mutual consent of both parties withdrawn.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

[June] 27. Sailed ship *Anne*, Samuel Allen, for Bengal
30. Sailed ship *Mahomudbux*, Naddee Mullah, for Bengal.

CONSULTATION, TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1741.

The two last Consultations read and signed.

Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, reads that account for last month, ballance due from him two hundred thirty six pagodas twenty five fanams and seventy seven cash (236-25-77) which is carried forward.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper reads that account for last month, ballance due from him two thousand one hundred forty two pagodas twenty eight fanams and twenty cash (2,142-28-20) of which he pays in two thousand (2,000) pagodas.

William Monson, Land Customer, reads that account for last month, Vizt.

Choultry customs	Pags.	527	28	44
Registering slaves	„	1	4	0
		528	32	44

ballance due from him five hundred sixteen pagodas six fanams and forty four cash, (516-6-44) which he now pays in.

William Monson, Provisional Storekeeper reads that account for last month, ballance due from him six hundred seventy five pagodas fourteen fanams and thirty six cash (675-14-36) of which he pays in six hundred, (600) pagodas.

Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chittee, betle and tobacco farmers pay in eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (833-12) for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence pay in three hundred thirty five (335) pagodas for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Petition of the Surgeon of the *Prince of Orange* read as entered hereafter praying for the head money to be paid him here on the soldiers intended for the Bay on that ship detained here, which is granted.

Ordered that another supply of wares and stores be sent on the *George* to Vizagapatam in the room of those they were disappointed of by the *Fort St. George* sloop, and agreed to send the gentlemen in the Bay a copy of that sloop's invoice to Vizagapatam desiring them if she be arrived there to give us credit for the rupees, broad cloth and perpets and to order one of the ships intended hither in December to land at Vizagapatam the Madrass pagodas for that place and the store intended for Ingeram.

The betteelas sent us from Ingeram coming out dearer than our's reckoning the batta on the Madrass pagodas and being besides not so good it is agreed to order Mr. Prince to send us no more unless they can be got cheaper.

Mr. Stratton being near ready to depart on the *George* to Vizagapatam a letter to send by him is now agreed on, and another to Bengall to go by the *Prince of Orange* that will sail about the same time.

The Assaymaster reports the ten (10) pagodas received from Fort St. David the 15th instant to be (70) seventy touch, and pays them and the other twenty (20) into the old cash.

Messrs. Burton and Morse deliver in as now read, and entered hereafter their report of the value of the Company's house in York Alley, and Gongaram's godowns the first computed at two hundred and fifty, (250) pagodas, the other about six hundred (600) pagodas which being thought the most they are worth, it is agreed to let Mr. Salomons have the one and Mr. Petrus the other if they will take them at the abovementioned prices, and the Secretary is ordered to prepare the bills of sale for signing accordingly.

The Accomptant reads the journal parcels for the month of April.

The President acquaints the Board that a Moor boy having been stole out of the country and sold to a Captain of a ship who had sent him on board, [...] had some trouble in getting him on shore. That the Nabob's mullah or preist had interested himself much in his affair, which gave the President reason to apprehend that this practice of sending off the child of the Moors or any others of the Mahometan sect might some time or other involve us in troubles with the country government, and therefore proposed that an order should be made prohibiting the buying or selling them in this place.

If we are rightly informed it is one of our agreements with the government in Bengall that we will not send away as slaves any of the natives, and if there be no such agreement between us and the Moors in the province, it is possibly that we were first settled here when the Gentues were lords of the country, but however that be, as such prohibition cannot be attended with any prejudice to the Company, and may prevent any occasion for dispute upon that account in future, the Secretary is directed to give publick notice of such prohibition by affixing an order at the usual places that from henceforth no Moors or any other of the Mahometan religion be bought or sold in the town of Madrass or the districts thereof.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

TO THE HON'BLE THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

The petition of Walter Currie, Surgeon to the *Prince of Orange.*

SHEWETH,

That as I have had the care of eighteen soldiers belonging to the Hon'ble the United East India Company, from England designed for the Presidency of Bengall, whom your honours have resolved to detain here, you will be pleased to order me the usual allowance of headmoney. I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your honours most obedient and most humble servant,

Fort St. George,
29th June, 1741.

WALTER CURRIE.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

In obedience to your orders for us to make estimates of the value of the godowns in Choultry Gate street, and the house in York Alley belonging to the Hon'ble Company the roofs of both which are fallen in and of no use in the present condition, we are of opinion that the former is worth about six hundred pagodas, and the other two hundred and fifty, for the grounds and materials, the buildings being so farr decayed that there is a necessity of pulling them entirely down.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

Fort St. George,
30th June, 1741.

AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE.

[July] 1. Arrived the Honourable Company's ship *London,* Captain Matthew Bootle, from England without any packet for this place.

2. Sail'd ships *Lancaster,* James Barton, and *Phaze Salam,* James Irwin, for Bengall.

3. Sail'd the Honourable Company's ship *Prince of Orange,* Captain Charles Hudson, for Bengall, with redwood, and a general letter of the 30th ultimo.

Sail'd the Honourable Company's ship *George,* Captain John Taylor, with Mr. Stratton and family for Vizagapatam and general letters for that place and Ingeram of the 30th ultimo.

CONSULTATION, FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1741.

The President reads the cash account for last month the ballance remaining now compared with the cash chest, consisting of ten thousand and fifty pagodas of the new cash thirty two fanams and thirty eight cash (10,050–32–38), forty one thousand five hundred fifty five pagodas of the old money, and one hundred sixty five (165) Madrass pagodas, which is carried forward.

Agreed, that five thousand (5,000) pagodas be advanced the Paymaster for the charges of the running month.

The Paymaster lays before the Board as entered hereafter, Captain Blake's bill for dieting the Military intended on the *Halifax* for Anjengo, amounting to one hundred thirty two (132) pagodas which is ordered to be paid.

The *London* not having any packet from England for this place, the Secretary is ordered to demand Captain Bootle's reasons in writing for coming in here.

The accomptant being in want of another writing assistant, Mr. Richard Starke is appointed under him.

Captain Blake of the *Halifax* acquaints the Board that having delivered on board the *Cæsar* the quantity of pepper ordered by us, Captain Cummings refused to sign a receipt for it unless some deduction was made out of the weight for the turn of the scale, which he (Captain Blake) apprehending to be contrary to the practice in India, they had both agreed to leave the matter to us, upon which Captain Cummings was told, that if he pleased he might specifye it in the receipt, that he received the pepper by an even beam and might mention the same again when he came to sign the bill of lading, with which both the Captains being satisfied the Export Warehousekeeper is ordered, upon Captain Cumming's signing such receipt, to deliver Captain Blake a certificate of the quantity of pepper delivered here.

Rangum, a shroff being accused by the Assaymaster and Linga Chitty of endeavouring to get seventy nine ounces of gold of 71¾ touch passed and coined into the new money by changing the assay peice, several of the goldsmiths and others in the mint were examined concerning the same, and the Board being fully convinced that the said Rangum, when he desired to look upon the assay peice taken out of the pott, took the opportunity to change it for another of 80½ touch which was to be tryed by the Assaymaster, agreed that the said seventy nine (79) ozs. of gold be forfeited to the Honourable Company, and that one hundred pagodas be paid out of the produce to Mutiah, Vencataputty, Ramah and Vincatadre, twenty five to each, as a reward for their fidelity and care in detecting the said Rangum.

The President acquaints the Board that knowing from many discourses we had had concerning the investment, that it was our intentions when the country was open to order the Madrass merchants not to provide any more cloth to the southward. He had told the merchants the same some time ago when they applied to him for money to send down thither; upon which they told him it would be impossible in the present state of this part of the country to provide any quantity of cloth in it. The President adding that he beleived it was an affair that ought to appear upon our Consultations, it was again considered and reference being had to what the Deputy Governour and Council wrote us the 9th February and 3rd March 1739 and 1st April 1740, it was agreed that if by prohibiting our merchants providing cloth at Salem, Chemanaickpollam and Worriarpollam, those at St. David are able to encrease their investment, it will be for the Company's interest in as much as what was provided last season by our merchants is attended with several more charges, and they give us no hopes those will be less this season, and therefore the merchants who were attending and called in, were again told they must confine themselves to this part of the country, with which they promised to comply.

Agreed that five thousand (5,000) pagodas of the old money be advanced Tellisinga Chitty and Nella Moota Comrapa, they acquainting the Board, that their gomastas had advised them, if they sent some money into the country they hoped to get some ordinary and middling cloth.

The Board then recommended to them the providing some fine long cloth and sallampores, but they assured us their gomastas had wrote them it was as yet impossible to get any for want of the proper sort of thread, none of which had lately been brought for sale to any of the weaving towns.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

The Hon'ble United Company's (New) Cash.

Dr.

	P.	f.	c.
1. To ballance brought from last month's account	16,296	3	42
11. To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received of him on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants	2,000	0	0
15. To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper received of him in fanams.	3,000	0	0
20. To Gongadara Eyah, Sambyah and Quotambaucum Gruapa, farmers of the town brokerage, received 6 months' rent due the 5th last March	350	0	0
26. To Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, received in part the ballance of that account for last month ...	1,208	24	0
27. To Linga Chitty received of him in full M.Pags.	20,130	16	0
30. To William Monson, Import Warehouskeeper, received in part the ballance of that account for last month	2,000	0	0
To William Monson, Land Customer, received the ballance of that account for last month	516	6	44
To William Monson, Provisional Storekeeper, received in part the ballance of that account for last month	600	0	0
To Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chitty, beetle and tobacco farmers, received one month's rent due 5th instant ...	833	12	0
To Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence, received one month's rent due the 5th instant.	335	0	0
New pags. ...	47,269	26	6

Cr.

	P.	f.	c.
1. By Nicolas Morse, Paymaster, advanced him for the charges of the running month	5,000	0	0
4. By Augustus Burton, Export Warehousekeeper, advanced him for the painters	2,000	0	0
By Tirivangalum Comrapa advanced him to provide moorees for chints	2,000	0	0
11. By William Monson, Provisional Storekeeper, advanced him for disbursements on the *George* ...	800	0	0
By Linga Chitty advanced him to provide more Madrass pagodas ...	5,500	0	0
26. By Nicolas Morse, Paymaster, paid him the ballance of that account for last month	1,788	29	48
27. By Madrass pagodas, for what received of Linga Chitty ...	20,130	0	0
	37,218	29	48
30. By ballance carried to next month's account	10,050	32	38
New pags. ...	47,269	26	6

The Hon'ble United Compy's (Old) Cash.

Dr.

	P.	f.	c.
1. To ballance brought from last month's account...	58,925	0	0
30. To Fort St. David received from thence	30	0	0
Old pags. ...	58,955	0	0

Cr.

	P.	f.	c.
4. By Linga Chitty, advanced him to provide Madrass pagodas	17,400	0	0
30. By ballance carried to next month's account	41,555	0	0
Old pags. ..	58,955	0	0

Errors Excepted

Per Richard Benyon.

Fort St. George, June 1741.

Madrass Pagodas.

Dr.

	Pags.
1. To ballance brought from last month's account	35
27. To cash for what received of Linga Chitty	20,130
New pags. ..	20,165

Cr.

	Pags.
30. By Vizagapatam factory chested up to send thither on the *George* ..	20,000
By ballance carried to next month's account	165
New pags. ...	20,165

Errors Excepted

Per Richard Benyon.

The Hon'ble Company to the owners of the ship *Halifax*.

To provision for two Serjeants, two corporals and forty soldiers, from the 5th May to the 10th June including each day is days 27, at 4 fanams each man per day, is	Pags. 132

Errors Excepted and contents received.

Fort St. George,
3d July, 1741.

PER JOHN BLAKE.

[July] 4. Sailed ship *Nossa Senhora. de Piedade*, Antonia Hares Fereira, for Macao.

— Received by peons from Maddepollam a general letter of the 18th ultimo.

6. Sailed the Honourable Company's ship *Halifax* Captain John Blake, for Bengall with a general letter of the 4th instant.

7. Received by peons from Vizagapatam a general letter of the 15th ultimo accompanying a general letter from Bengall of the 12th May in which was inclosed a general letter from the West Coast of the 23d October last.

CONSULTATION, WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1741.

The two last Consultations read and signed.

General letters read Vizt.

No. 62, from the President and Council of Fort William of the 12th May acknowledging the receipt of several from us and of the money sent them on the *Calcutta* sloop from hence and Vizagapatam advising that the *Fort St. George* sloop having passed by Vizagapatam was arrived there and that they should credit this presidency for the treasure, wares and stores intended on her for the northern settlements. That the *Bedford*, Capt. Wells, arrived there from the West Coast the 9th of May, having met the *Duke of Dorset* in the streights of Banca, the 25th November which ship, Captain Wells was afterwards advised, was at Batavia and would stay there till the monsoon would permit her to proceed to China.

No. 63, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlborough dated the 23rd October last giving us their reasons for sending the *Bedford* to Bengall and other occurrences respecting the Honourable Company's shipping since their last, and inclosing lists of shipping arrived at and sailed from St. Helena in 1739 and 1740.

No. 64, from Mr. Saunders at Vizagapatam of the 15th ultimo to accompany the packet from Bengall.

No. 65, from Mr. Andrews at Maddepollam of the 18th ultimo, accompanying the books of that settlement for 1739.

A letter from Captain Bootle of the *London* read as entered hereafter, giving his reasons for coming to this port not being consigned hither.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper send on board the *London* as much redwood as she can take in.

The Sea Customer delivers in as entered hereafter the account sale of the broad cloth put up, at outcry the 1st instant by order of the Board of the 15th ultimo and pays into cash six hundred eighty three pagodas twenty one fanams and six cash (683-21-6) the net produce thereof, which is ordered to be placed to the credit of account current, London.

John Waters who came hither on the *Halifax* and designed gunner at Anjengo, being desirous of staying here and being also an understanding man in his busyness, agreed when we write next to Bombay, we desire leave to keep him here.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,

President and Governour &ca., Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Not having touched at any port since my departure from England, by which means a good many of my people are now very much afflicted with the scurvy is the only reason which has induced me come here, in order to procure them some refreshment. I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servant,

Fort St. George, Matthew Bootle.
4th July, 1741.

Fort St. George, 1st July, 1741.

Account sale of four bales of broad cloth Aurora, sold at public outcry at the Sea Gate by order of Consultation of the 15th ultimo.

					Ps.	Cs.	
Taunee Chitty, broad cloth	1 bale (containing)	8 or 4 at 19⅜ per piece	...	155	0	0
D°.	1	d°.	8 or 4 at 20 „	...	160	0	0
Stratton	1	d°.	8 or 4 at 23¼ „	...	186	0	0
Percival	1	d°.	8 or 4 at 22⅛ „	...	186	0	0
					678	0	0
Vellapah - lead 8 pieces weighing 241 lb. at 12⅝ per Candy ...				...	6	3	6
					684	3	6
			Paid the cryer for making the outcry	...	0	18	0
			Pags.	...	683	21	6

Errors Excepted,

Per Randall Fowke,

Sea Customer.

9\. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 6th instant.
— Sent by peons to Fort St. David a letter of this date.

Consultation, Friday, July 10, 1741.

General letter No. 66 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St David of the 6th instant read advising that they have reduced the number of their peons to two hundred and seventy which they think the lowest number they should be reduced to, considering the difficulty of getting them if they should be wanted again; inclosing their monthly papers for May and cash account for June and desiring a supply of the new money of which it is agreed to send them five thousand (5,000) pagodas overland this evening.

Bills of sale of this date to Coja Petrus for Gongaram's godown to Mr. Salomons for the Company's house in York Alley, drawn conformable to order of Consultation of the 30th ultimo produced and signed.

The Captain of the *London* proposing to sail for the Bay tomorrow, a letter to the President and Council of Fort William to go by her is now agreed on, desiring them to credit this presidency for the treasure sent them from the West Coast on the *Bedford* at 15 dollars for ten [10] pagodas, and lest we should not have an opportunity of advising with more certainty before the *London* sails for the West Coast what store and other things may be wanting there, that they will send thither on her, two thousand (2,000) gunney bags half of them double, two chests of Patna ophium and 50 jars of oil.

The gentlemen in Bengall having wrote us they intended to give us credit for the treasure and wares intended on the *Fort St. George* sloop, for the northern

settlements, it is agreed to desire they will credit us with the whole invoice by her as it will not be worth while to order a ship to Vizagapatam only with the stores.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

[July] 10. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a supply of cash and a general letter of this date.

11. Received by peons from Bombay a general letter of the 26th May.

13. Dispatched peons to Tellicherry with a general letter of this date.

—Received by peons from Vizagapatam a general letter of the 21st ultimo.

14. Sailed the Hon'ble Company's ship *London*, Capt. Matthew Bootle, for Bengall with redwood and a general letter dated the 11th instant.

—Sail'd ship *Latchman Prasaad*, Ramoodoo, for Tenasseree.

15. Arrived ship *Fortune*, Monsr. Brignon, from Pondicherry.

16. Received by peons from Anjengo a general letter of the 15th ultimo with another packet for Bombay.

17. Arrived ship *Penthiévre*, Monsr. du Rocher du Bois, from Pondicherry.

Consultation, Saturday, July 18, 1741.

The two last Consultations read and signed.

General letters read Vizt.

No. 67 from the President and Council of Bombay of the 26th May, inclosing an extract of Europe news from a letter received by the Jesuits in Ispahan and desiring us to communicate to them the earliest advices we receive from England.

No. 69 from Mr. Saunders at Vizagapatam of the 21st ultimo inclosing an indent for wares and stores in the room of those intended thither on the *Fort St. George* sloop.

No. 70. A letter to the President from John Beek, master of the *Calcutta* grab belonging to the Honourable Company at Colombo dated the 28th May advising that he left Tellicherry the first of that month bound for Bengall, but soon after meeting with hard weather the vessel proved so leaky that he was obliged to bear away for Colombo to refit, that the Company's cotton was all secured in the Dutch Company's godowns, and that the Governour upon his application had promised to supply him with what the vessel might want on his giving a bill on Mr. Braddyll for the amount, and desiring the President to write to the Governour of Colombo in his behalf.

The President reads the mint account current for last month, ballance remaining in the mint—doodoes forty thousand five hundred and twelve (40,512) fanams, seventy four thousand five hundred ninety two (74,592) which is now carried forward, and twenty Madrass pagodas thirty two fanams and five cash (20-32-5) which is now paid in.

The Export Warehousekeeper acquaints the Board he has received of the owner of the coir freighted hither on the *Bermudas* sloop in May last year, sixteen pagodas one fanam and forty two cash (16-1-42) for the freight being ten per cent on it's value, though the owner complained of it as a hardship the damage the coir had received on board the vessel much exceeding that sum.

The Secretary pays into cash eight hundred and fifty (850) pagodas, received of Coja Petrus and Mr. Salomons, Vizt.

	Pags.
For Gongaram's godowns sold the former	600
For the Company's house in York Alley sold the latter	250

The Board then adjourned till four in the afternoon for opening the packet from England by the *King William*, Captain James Sanders, now almost in the road.

Ditto die, AT 4 IN THE AFTERNOON.

The packet per *King William* being opened was found agreable to it's list. Then were read our Honourable Master's commands of the 23d July 1740 being a copy of those sent us by the *Godolphin* not yet received; their letter of the 6th February 1740 and their orders for this year's investment of the same date.

An order to Captain Sanders signed to send on shore the military, treasure, wares and stores he has on board for this presidency.

Agreed that Messrs. Burton and Monson do survey the *King William's* treasure when it comes a shore in the presence of the Captain.

Agreed to dispatch patamars to Bombay, Tellicherry and Anjengo, with advice of the arrival of the *King William,* of what shipping are taken up for India for this season, and of other needfull occurrences respecting the state of affairs in Europe and the French.

The Import Warehousekeeper ordered to keep ten chests of silver for sale and to deliver half the rest into the mint to be coined here. The other half we propose to coin into Arcot rupees, but those being coined of different weights and fineness in the country mints we are of opinion we ought to send the gentlemen in the Bay those which are best, least they meet with any difficulty in passing them. Agreed therefore to coin them in the Covelong mint, and with Linga Chitty for the coining them, who is to deliver us 256½ rupees for 100 ozs. standard silver, the weight of one thousand rupees to be three hundred sixty seven ounces, and two penny weights and a half better than English standard being at the same rate he has agreed to coin for the town merchants.

No. 68 from the Chief and Council at Anjengo dated the 15th ultimo desiring us to forward to them by the earliest conveyance the military, gunner, treasure and stores intended them on the *Halifax,* of which they are much in want, advising that the King of Travencore was carrying on his works against the Dutch, accompanying another packet to be forwarded to Bombay and desiring us to give them the earliest advices we receive from Europe.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse.

[July] 19. Sailed ships *Kent,* John Byers, for Fort St. David and *Fortune,* Monsr. Brignon, for Bengall.

21. Dispatched a patamar to Bombay with a general letter of this date and the packet last received from Anjengo.

24. Received by peons from Maddepollam a general letter of the 7th instant.

— Dispatched patamars to Tellicherry and Anjengo with general letters of this date.

25. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 22d instant.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, JULY 27, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed. General letters read Vizt.

No. 71, from Messrs. Andrews and Churchey at Maddepollam of the 7th instant inclosing their journal parcels and cash account for June and promising their best care in disposing of Mr. Goddard's effects.

No. 72, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 22d instant advising the receipt of the money last sent them, and the arrival of two French Europe ships at Pondicherry, intimating their apprehensions that in case of a war the French may form some designs to the prejudice of our Honourable Masters and therefore proposing the strengthening that garrison and desiring a further supply of money.

Agreed to send them a recruit of thirty Europeans the beginning of next week and a further supply of ten thousand (10,000) pagodas to consist of what Allumparra pagodas we have among our cash made up with the new money as soon as they can be got ready.

The accountant reads the journal parcels for the month of May.

Messrs. Burton and Monson report the *King William's* treasure to have come out agreable to the invoice.

Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, reads that account for last month, Vizt.

Custom on goods	Pags.	2,003-16-36
Do. on grain		133-27-0
Anchorage		35-18-0
		2,172-25-36.

ballance due from him ten thousand eight hundred and forty eight pagodas, three fanams and seventy two cash (10,848-3-72), of which he now pays in two thousand one hundred and fifty two pagodas eighteen fanams (2,152-18-0).

Augustus Burton, Export warehousekeeper, reads that account for last month; ballance due from him five hundred and six pagodas five fanams and thirty three cash (506-5-33) which is carried forward.

Nicolas Morse, Pay Master, reads that account for last month, Vizt.

Charges garrison	Pags.	2,178	20	40
Charges diet		583	12	0
Charges cattle		66	24	0
Fort Marlborough		10	0	0
Charges extraordinary		229	12	60
Charges hospital		53	14	60
Charges general		528	29	0
Bombay Presidency		335	19	0
Black Town wall		2,076	20	40
Repairs of fortifications		367	17	71
		6,429	26	31

ballance due to him fourteen hundred twenty nine pagodas twenty six fanams and thirty one cash (1,429-26-31) which is now paid him.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in his account are entered hereafter.

Ordered that seventy more of the polligars' peons be discharged and twenty two (22) topasses, and thirty two (32) lascars out of the gunroom.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, reads that account for last month; ballance due from him two thousand eight hundred sixty three pagodas twenty fanams and fifty two cash (2,863-20-52), of which he now pays in two thousand (2,000) pagodas.

William Monson, Land Customer, reads that account for last month, Vizt.

Choultry customs	Pags.	535	7	77
Registring slaves		0	32	0
		536	3	77

ballance due from him five hundred twenty three pagodas thirteen fanams and seventy seven cash (523-13-77) which he now pays in.

Gongadara Eyah, Sombyah and Quotambaucum Gruapa, farmers of the measuring duty pay in three hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams for four month's rent due the 20th instant.

Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chitty, beetle and tobacco farmers, pay in eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (833-12-0) for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Rama Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence, pay in three hundred thirty five (335) pagodas for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Mr. John Halliburton appointed Resident at Maddepollam, and agreed to order him to confine his investment to fine longcloth only, that the Maddepollam investment may not interfere with that at Ingeram.

Mr. Samuel Harrison appointed Upper Searcher at the Sea Gate in the room of Mr. Hammond, who has accepted of the office of Register of the Mayor's Court.

Mr. Richard Starke, Under Searcher in the room of Mr. Harrison ; and

Mr. Cornelius Goodwin under the Pay Master instead of Mr. Allen who chuses to continue at Fort St. David, but as we have not yet received any proper assistants for the Accomptant's office, Mr. Goodwin must still continue to keep the books and Mr. Starke must also assist in the business of that office.

Mr. Affleck at present under the Storekeeper, appointed also to assist the Import Warehousekeeper, he having offered his service.

Being in great want of writing assistants, Mr. Robert Sloper is taken in as a monthly writer at ten pagodas per month to assist the Export Warehousekeeper, and the Secretary is ordered to look out for a good hand for his office in the room of Mr. Starke.

William Monson, Provisional Storekeeper, reads that account for last month ; ballance due from him one thousand and thirteen pagodas twenty fanams and thirty four cash (1,013-20-34) of which he now pays in one thousand (1,000) pagodas.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

The particulars of the Extraordinary expence in the Paymaster's account for the month of June 1741

Arise as follow, Vizt.

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Charges garrison—			
Paid 14 days pay to 18 soldiers that came on the *Prince of Orange* for Bengall but are kept here ...	......	......	15 0 0
Fort Marlborough—			
Allowance money to Raja Culadeen and servants...	......	......	10 0 0
Charges extraordinary—			
Paid for dieting choultry prisoners this month	......	1 33 40	......
Making of fitters	......	0 5 40	......
Marshall's note for dieting a lunatick soldier	.....	2 0 0	......
Do. John Baptiste, 14 days in May	1 31 0	......	......
Do. do. for June	4 0 0	......	......
		5 31 0	
Allowance money to Mr. Ackman's child	......	2 0 0	......
House rent for the Revd. Mr. Wynch	......	7 0 0	......
Gave Subdar Ally Cawn's mauldar on receiving a present of fruit, 9 rupees or	......	2 28 10	......
Gave Imaum Saib's mauldar on receiving a present, 50 rupees or	15 16 20	......	......
Rose water, beetle-nut and spice ...	1 28 20	......	......
Dancing girls	3 0 0	19 34 20 (*sic*)	......
Gave Kiteravoo's and Janud Abdalin's mauldars 2 rupees or...	......	0 22 40	......
Gave Kistnagee Rundady's Do. on receiving a present 5 rupees or ...	1 19 50	......	......
Batta for bringing it and beetle-nut...	0 12 10	......	......
		1 31 60	......
Batta for the Morattas' gomastah ...	3 12 0	......	......
Pallankeen boys, 8 Pags. 4, cooley hire pag. 1	5 0 0	......	......
		8 12 0	......

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Paid for dieting five Nincobar men at fans. 7 per day	5 30 0	......	......
Gave do. 1 piece of white cloth and 1 of cambays	0 20 0	......	......
		6 14 0	......
Batta to 170 peons of the Peddanaigues	......	141 24 0	......
Paid Doctor Walter Currie, head-mony for the Bengall soldiers that came on the *Prince of Orange,* but are kept here, at 10 shillings each	20 0 0	......	......
Refreshing money at 12 fanams each	6 0 0	.....	......
Cotts 18, Pags. 2-18-0 boat hire fans. 10	10 2 28	.....	......
		28 28 0	229 12 60
Charges general—			
100 Extraordinary peons ...	......	85 18 0	......
Batta abroad and at home ...	......	35 11 40	......
			120 29 40
Bombay Presidency—			
The gunner and military designed for Anjengo arriving here upon the *Halifax* paid them for May and June as per account ...	......	202 20 0	......
Paid Captain Blake's note for their diet from 15th May to 10th June at 4 fans each man per day ...	....	132 0 0	......
Boat hire for bringing them ashore, 3 boats, fanams 15; cotts 4, fanams 20	......	0 35 0	
			335 19 0
Black Town wall—			
Materials used and workmen employed as per book account particulars	......	......	2,076 20 40
Repairs of fortifications—			
Materials used and workmen employed as per book account particulars	......	......	367 17 71
		Pags. ...	3,154 27 51

[July] 27. Arrived ship *Benyon,* Robert Baillie, from Judda last from Mocha, with letters from Sir Everard Fawkener, Ambassador at Constantinople, of the 15th September 1740, and from the Supracargoes of the *Prince of Wales* at Mocha of the 24th ultimo.

— Arrived sloop *Bon Success,* D'Haveloos from Joanna.

29. Received by peons a general letter from Ingeram of the 2nd instant.

Consultation, Thursday, July 30, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

General letters read Vizt.

No. 73, from Sir Everard Fawkener, Ambassador at Constantinople, dated the 15th September 1740 in answer to what was wrote him from hence the 27th August 1736, respecting Signior Dominico Kiundell and offering his assistance in what may concern the trade of the English in India to Bussora and Judda.

No. 74, from the Supracargoes of the *Prince of Wales* at Mocha dated the 24th ultimo, advising that not being able to procure any more than two thousand (2,000) bales of coffee there, they should, pursuant to the instructions they had received, consign the ship to us and proceed hither in few days.

No. 75, from Mr. Prince at Ingeram of the 2nd instant advising that he had then one hundred and one bales embaled and at the wash and hoped to get in about fifty more by the middle of August, and intimating that, if nothing obliges the French to contract their business there next year, the Company's investment will be in danger of being ruined.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper pays in eight thousand (8,000) pagodas on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants.

The Nabob having wrote for the town rent for the last year ending the 30th ultimo that twelve hundred (1,200) pagodas is now paid to his order.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

[July] 30. Sailed ships *Tagaryah Permall*, Errapah, for Acheen; *Pulteney*, Robert Castle, and *Revolution*, John Waggaman, for Bengal.

31. Sailed ship *Le Penthievre*, Monsr. Du Bocher du Bois, for Pondicherry.

[August] 1. Sent by peons two letters to Fort St. David of this date with the last of them a supply of money.

2. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1741.

The President reads the cash account for last month, ballance remaining now compared with the cash chest; in the new money fourteen thousand one hundred thirty three pagodas seventeen fanams and fifteen cash (14,133-17-15), in the old, thirty six thousand five hundred fifty five (36,555) pagodas and one hundred eighty five (185) Madrass pagodas, which is carried forward.

Agreed that five thousand (5,000) pagodas be advanced the Paymaster to defray the charges of the running month; two thousand (2,000) pagodas to the Export Warehousekeeper for the painters.

And Tirivangalum Comrapa and Permaul applying to the Board for ten thousand Madrass pagodas to send to the northward to provide the fine goods, agreed that ten thousand (10,000) of the new pagodas be advanced them, with which they may buy Madrass pagodas in town and charge the batta in account. At the same time these merchants were cautioned to keep up more strictly to the musters, which they promised to use their endeavours to comply with.

The President acquaints the Board that one of Matoor Chitteram's family having failed at Metchlepatam, he was advised to take care how he trusted him till it was better known how this accident might affect him, of which he thought proper to acquaint the Board though he did not know who else to recommend for the provision of the chay goods; and the Board being of opinion that Metchlepatam being so near Maddepollam Mr. Hallyburton might be able to provide those goods in time to send by the January ships, agreed that five thousand five hundred (5,500) new pagodas be delivered Linga Chitty to pay us (5,000) five thousand Madrass in 15 days to send along with Mr. Hallyburton for that purpose.

The *Beaufort*, Captain Thomas Stevens, from England, last from Madeira, being almost in the road it is agreed to meet again at four this afternoon to open her packet.

DITTO DIE AT 4 IN THE AFTERNOON.

The packet from England by the *Beaufort* being opened was found to agree with its list, and the letters by her the same as those by the *King William*, then were read the copy of the general letter to Bencoolen per *Royal George* and *London*, dated the 28th January 1740 which is recommended to the Westcoast Committee for their remarks and a letter from Messrs Rider, Chambers and Baker at Madeira of the 3rd April 1741 N. S. inclosing invoice and bill of lading for the wine consigned us on the *Beaufort*.

Agreed to appoint Captain Samuel Lutton, the gunner, and his mate attended by the Company's cooper, to go on board the *Beaufort* to survey the stowage of her Maderia wine, and to report the condition thereof to the Board.

An order to Captain Stevens of the *Beaufort* signed, to deliver with all expedition the military, treasure, wares and stores he has on board for this Presidency.

Agreed that Messrs. Burton and Monson do examine the *Beaufort's* treasure when it comes on shore in the presence of the Captain.

The *Caesar* having taken in all her saltpetre for England, orderd that the Secretary send Captain Cummings a copy of the usual caution to lay good dunnidge under the bales and not to suffer the boats with bales in them to lye long astern or alongside of the ship.

Agreed to sell three hundred and fifty (350) candies of the Honourable Company's lead at outcry on Tuesday the 11th instant.

The Allumparra pagodas being what are now chiefly current in the country and there being none of that sort in the old cash agreed to send ten thousand (10,000) pagodas of the old money to be coined there, by which we compute the Company will be somewhat gainers, our old money being of a better touch.

But as we have none of the new money remaining in cash, the Board agreed to sell Linga Chitty ten chests of silver at 15 dollar weight standard for ten pagodas which has for some time been the market price in the town, he paying for the same in thirty days.

Agreed to direct the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort St. David to provide the three thousand (3,000) pieces of blue cloth, five thousand (5,000) peices of soot romals of a bright colour and also the four hundred (400) pieces of romals (red and white) of the sample sent them last, taking care that the romals are all of the full lengths and breadths, as the Honourable Company are pleased to remark that those sent by the *Shaftsbury* answered but poorly, and any defect in the measure may prejudice the sale.

Agreed also to direct the gentlemen at St. David's to advise us if any of the gomastahs of our merchant provide any cloth in the country about them, and to send up hither such of the money formerly sent them as will not pass there.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Augustus Burton—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

The Hon'ble Company's (New) Cash.

Dr.

May.		Pags.	fns.	c.
1.	To ballance brought from last month's account	10,050	32	38
8.	To account current, London, received of the Sea Customer the nett produce of the parcel of broad cloth sold by him at outcry by order of Consultation of the 15th June	683	21	6
18.	To Richard Benyon Esqr., Mint Master, received the ballance of that account for last month ...	20	32	5
	To godowns bought of Sunca Ramah, received of Coja Petrus for those called Gongaram's sold him	600	0	0
	To house in York Alley. received of Mr. Abraham Salomons for it.	250	0	0
27.	To Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, received in part the ballance of that account for last month ...	2,152	18	0
	To William Monson, Import warehousekeeper, received in part the ballance of that account for last month	2,000	0	0
	To William Monson, Land Customer received the ballance of that account for last month.	523	13	77
	To Gongadara Eyah, Sombyah and Quotambaucum Gruapa, farmers of the measuring duty received 4 months' rent due 20th instant.	333	12	0
	To Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chitty, beetle and tobacco farmers received one month's rent due 5th instant ...	833	12	0
	To Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence received 1 month's rent due the 5th instant.	335	0	0
	to William Monson, Provisional Storekeeper received in part the ballance of that account for last month	1,000	0	0
30.	To William Monson, Import warehousekeeper received on account of broad cloth delivered the merchants	8,000	0	0
	N. Pags.	26,782	33	46

Contra *Cr.*

May.		Pags.	fns.	c.
3.	By Nicolas Morse, Pay Master, advanced him for the running month	5,000	0	0
10.	By Fort St. David sent thither overland by peons	5,000	0	0
18.	By Madrass pagodas for the mint June ballance	20	0	0
27.	By Nicolas Morse, Pay Master, paid the ballance of that account for last month	1,429	26	31
30.	By rents and revenues, paid to the Nabob's order, the town rent for the last year ending 30th ultimo.	1,200	0	0
		12,649	26	31
31.	By ballance carried to next month's account	14,133	7	15
	N. Pags.	26,782	23	46

The Hon'ble Company's (Old) Cash *Dr.*

1.	To ballance brought from last month's account	41,555	0	0

Contra *Cr.*

3.	By Telesinga Chitty and Nellamuta Comrapa advanced them to provide goods	5,000	0	0
31.	By ballance carried to next month's account	36,555	0	0
	Old Pags.	41,555	0	0

Madrass Pagodas *Dr.*

1.	To ballance brought from last month's account	165	0	0
18.	To cash for the mint June ballance.	20	0	0
	Madrass pagodas ...	185	0	0

Contra *Cr.*

1.	By ballance carried to next month's account	185	0	0

Errors Excepted
RICHARD BENYON.

[August] 3. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a letter of this date.
Sailed sloop *Bon Success*, D' Haveloos for Bengal.

4. Sent by peons to Vizagapatam a general letter of this date.
Set out for Fort St. David a recruit of thirty Europeans with a general letter of this date.

5. Arrived ship *Kent*, John Byers, from Fort St. David with Mr. Borlace Stacey, passenger.
Received by pattamar from Anjengo a general letter of the 11th ultimo inclosing a packet from England for this place by the *Godolphin* wherein was also one for Bengall.

6. Received by peons from Ingeram a general letter of the 18th ultimo.
Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 4th instant.
Arrived ship *Sarum*, Richard Pearce, from Mocha, with copy of the letter from the Supracargoes of the *Prince of Wales* received the 27th ultimo.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1741.

The two last Consultations read and signed.

General letters read Vizt.

No. 76, from the Chief and Council at Anjengo of the 11th ultimo accompanying the original packet from England for this place by the *Godolphin* of the 23d July 1740 transmitted them from Tellicherry, wherein was inclosed a packet for Bengall, which it is agreed to forward thither by the *King William*.

No. 77, from Mr. Prince at Ingeram of the 18th ultimo advising that having no reason to expect the betteelas cheaper or better, he shall not provide any more.

No. 78, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 4th instant advising the receipt of the money last sent them, Mr. Borlace Stacey's coming hither on the *Kent* for the recovery of his health, and the arrival of the *Chauvelin* another French ship from Europe at Pondicherry, inclosing their monthly papers for June, cash account for July and a report and list of stores damaged, worn out and wasted for the last year, which they desire leave to write off.

The said list and report being considered, it is agreed to permit such of the articles to be wrote off as will not produce any thing at outcry.

Capt. Lutton, the gunner and his mate having, pursuant to order of last Consultation, been on board the *Beaufort* to survey the stowage of her Madeira wine, their report is now read as enter'd hereafter setting forth that they found it in good order.

And Messrs. Burton and Monson report the treasure by the *Beaufort* to have come out agreable to invoice.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

In obedience to your order of the 4th instant, we have been on board the *Beaufort* to survey the stowage of the Hon'ble Company's Madeira wine, and found it in very good condition, being well bedded and quoined, bung up and bulge free.

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servants,

SAMUEL LUTTON—WILLIAM PERCIVAL—JOHN SHAW.

Fort St. George,
6th August, 1741.

[August] 13. Sail'd ship *Benyon*, Robert Baillie, for Bengall.
Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 10th instant.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1741.

General letter No. 19, from Messrs. Croke &ca. Council at Fort St. David of the 10th instant advising of the death of Mr. Hubbard, the Deputy Governour, at three that morning; inclosing the state of the cash at that time as entered after the said letter and advising the arrival of the recruits last sent them.

Mr. Fowke desiring to be excused from going to Fort St. David, Mr. Burton was appointed Deputy Governour there, and a commission ordered to be drawn out accordingly.

There being a great want of writing assistants at Fort St. David, Mr. Alexander Wynch, a covenanted servant and Mr. Robert Sloper, lately entertained a monthly writer are ordered thither.

Agreed also to entertain Mr. George Jones, a monthly writer here and to assist in the export warehouse in the room of Mr. Sloper.

Application being made to the Board for an order to Capt. Sanders of the *King William* to discharge one Charles Mylne, belonging to the said ship, who is willing to stay in India and wanted in our shipping business, it is agreed that the Secretary send Captain Sanders an order as copied hereafter to indemnify him from the penalty he is subjected to by his instructions from the Company for discharging persons in India without an order from the President and Council.

A letter to Sir Everard Fawkener, Kt. his Britannick Majesty's Ambassador at the Ottoman Port read and signed.

Ordered that the Honourable Company's Madeira wine received per ship *Beaufort* be sold at outcry on Thursday the 20th instant.

Many of our large guns upon the walls being so bad that it is dangerous to fire them, and Captain Sanders of the *King William* being willing to spare us two out of his ship, the Storekeeper is ordered to purchase them and two more which Captain Baillie has left here to be disposed of.

The Import Warehousekeeper delivers in as entered hereafter the account sale of the Honourable Company's lead put up at outcry the 11th instant, amounting in the whole to four thousand five hundred and three pagodas four fanams and forty cash (4,503-4-40) which is twelve pagodas thirty one fanams and fourteen cash (12-31-14) per candy in an average.

Agreed that Mr. Morse take the charge of the Export Warehouse from Mr. Burton.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—AUGUSTUS BURTON—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

TO CAPTAIN JAMES SANDERS OF THE KING WILLIAM:

Sir,

There being on board your ship one Charles Mylne who is willing to stay in India and is wanted here in our shipping business, if you can spare him without inconveniency to your ship, you are hereby ordered to grant him his discharge. Dated in Fort St. George this 13th day of August 1741.

Signed by order of the President and Council.

JOHN SAVAGE,
Secretary.

ACCOUNT SALE OF 350 CANDIES OF LEAD AT OUTCRY AT THE SEA GATE ON TUESDAY THE 11TH INSTANT.

Lead	25	candies at	12	17	0	per candy	Chin Tomby.	Pags.	318	27	0
„	25	„	12	31	40	„	Teagapa Chitty	„	321	31	40
„	25	„	12	31	40	„	Collava Chitty	„	321	31	40
„	25	„	12	31	40	„	Mootarashapa	„	321	31	40
„	25	„	12	31	40	„	Nina Chitty	„	321	31	40
„	25	„	12	31	40	„	Comara Samee	„	321	31	40
„	25	„	12	31	40	„	Ditto.	„	321	31	40
„	25	„	12	27	0	„	Mr. Percival	„	318	27	0
„	25	„	12	31	40	„	Mootarashapa	„	321	31	40
„	25	„	12	27	0	„	Mr. Percival	„	318	27	0
„	25	„	13	0	0	„	Collava Chitty	„	325	0	0
„	25	„	12	31	40	„	Permoll	„	321	31	40
„	25	„	13	0	0	„	Nina Chitty	„	325	0	0
„	25	„	12	31	40	„	Teagapa Chitty	„	321	31	40
	350						Pagodas ...		4,503	4	40

Errors Excepted
per WILLIAM MONSON,
Import Warehousekeeper.

Fort St. George, 13th August, 1741.

[August] 14. Arrived ship *Charles*, Monsr. Fournier from Pondicherry.
Ship *Ceres*, Robert Mylne, from Bussora and Bouchier with a letter from Mr. Dorrill at Bussora of the 10th June.
Sailed ship *Kent*, John Byers, for Acheen and Malacca.
15. Sailed ship *Sarum*, Richard Pearce for Bengall.
Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 12th instant.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1741.

The two last Consultations read and signed.

General letters read vizt.

No. 80, from Mr. Dorrill, Resident at Bussora dated the 10th June advising his having received and forwarded by different conveyances to Aleppo our two packets for England sent him by the *Ceres*.

No. 81, from Mr. Croke &ca. Council of Fort St. David of the 12th instant acknowledging the receipt of several from hence, advising that the money they have in cash that will not pass there is about three thousand three hundred and fifty three pagodas and inclosing indents for wares and stores.

Ordered that such of the wares and stores as we can spare be sent thither on the first sea conveyance that offers.

A commission of this date appointing Augustus Burton Esqr. Deputy Governour of Fort St. David read, signed and delivered him and a letter to go by him is now agreed on, directing their compliance with our orders of the 15th November 1739 relating to the keeping their cash, and recommending to them in general the encrease of the investment, Mr. Burton being so well acquainted with our Honourable Master and our sentiments on that head as to render needless any other particular instructions concerning it.

Petitions for head money read as entered hereafter and granted, vizt.—of George Humphreys surgeon of the *King William* on thirty four soldiers landed here from that ship; and of Thomas Cheape, surgeon of the *Beaufort* on thirty-two soldiers delivered here from the ship.

Augustus Burton, Export warehousekeeper reads that account for last month ballance due from him six hundred sixty three pagodas thirteen fanams and seventy-seven cash (663-13-77) which he now pays in.

The President acquainting the Board that he has been informed that the ten thousand pagodas we sent to Allumparra to be coined are by this time compleated and ready to set out for Fort St. David from thence, a letter to Mr. Croke and Council to advise thereof is now agreed on.

The *Ceres* being intended for the Malabar coast about the beginning of October it is agreed to send on her to Anjengo, the military, treasure and stores landed here from the *Halifax*.

The vessel that carries Mr. Hallyburton to Maddepollam not going to Vizagapatam as was before intended it is agreed to continue the wares and stores shipped on her for Vizagapatam on board, directing Mr. Hallyburton to take them ashoar at Maddepollam and forward them thither overland.

The Madrass pagodas intended for Mr. Hallyburton being near ready a letter of instructions to send with him is now agreed on as also another to Mr. Prince directing him to confine his investment to the ordinary cloths only.

As Mr. Hallyburton may have occasion for more Madrass pagodas than those he carries with him, and we know not whether he can be supplied from Vizagapatam, the President is desired to procure a letter of credit upon the house of Boocunjee Caushedoss at Metchlepatam.

Agreed to send ten thousand (10,000) pagodas of the old money to Allumparra to be coined in that mint and returned hither in order to pay our merchants as they may want it to send into the country.

Agreed to send to the Bay all the Arcot rupees and what Madrass rupees we have ready in the mint by the *Beaufort* and *King William*.

The stills and worms received from the West Coast being of no use here, agreed to send them by the *King William* to the Bay as we believe they may be sold better there.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble petition of George Humphreys, Surgeon.

SHEWETH,

That your petitioner having had the care of thirty soldiers delivered on shoar here from the *King William*, Captain James Sanders, prays your honour &ca. will be pleased to order him to be paid the usual head money allowed by the Hon'ble Company. And your petitioner &ca.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA., COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble petition of Thomas Cheape, Surgeon.

SHEWETH,

That your petitioner having had the care of thirty two soldiers delivered ashoar here from the *Beaufort*, Captain Thomas Stevens, prays your honour &ca. will please to order him to be paid the usual head money allowed by the Hon'ble Company. And your petitioner, &ca.

[*August*] 17. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

19. At four this afternoon Mr. Burton set out for Fort St. David with a general letter of the 17th.

Arrived ship *Nancy*, Monsr. Le Blanc from Pondicherry and the Honourable Company's ship *Prince of Wales*, Captain John Pelly, Junr., from Mocha, with Messrs. Thomson and May, Supracargoes.

Signed an order to Captain Pelly to send ashore the treasure he has on board.

20. Sailed brigantine, *Fort St. George*, William Magnass, with Mr. Hallyburton passenger for Maddepollam, with wares, stores and treasure, and general letters for that place and Ingeram of the 17th instant.

Ship *Nancy*, Monsr. Le Blanc for Bengall, sloop *Robert*, John Seaton, with stores &ca. for Fort St. David and a letter dated the 19th instant.

21. Ship *Daadoo Elihu*, Abdull Hadjee Aulla, for Bengal.

Arrived sloop *Duke of Cumberland*, Robert Norton, from Anjengo with a general letter of the 8th instant.

CONSULTATION, FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

General letters read, Vizt.

Nos. 82 and 83, from the Supracargoes of the *Prince of Wales* both dated the 26th July, consigning that ship to us and covering bill of lading and a receipt for the coffee and treasure on board her.

No. 84, from the Chief and Council at Anjengo of the 8th instant advising the King of Travencore's having taken Coletchy from the Dutch pressing us very earnestly to forward the military and stores intended them on the *Hallifax* and advising that they had sent the sloop *Duke of Cumberland* for that service if we are not provided with a better conveyance.

Agreed to return the sloop to Anjengo as soon as the season will permit with a part of the military and the stores, and to send the rest of the military and the treasure on the *Ceres*.

The Import Warehousekeeper acquaints the Board that the silver brought on the *Prince of Wales* from Mocha came out agreable to the bill of lading.

Ordered that it be brought to account at the London price and that account current, London, have credit for the same.

The President acquaints the Board he had agreed with Boocunjee Caushedoss to supply Mr. Hallyburton at Metchlepatam at any time within six months with what money he wanted as far as the value of ten thousand (10,000) pagodas either in pagodas or rupees, the Company paying ($1\frac{1}{2}$) one and a half per cent for the exchange and charge of remittance.

Linga Chetty delivers in as entered hereafter an account of the coinage of the ten thousand old pagodas sent to Allampara which produced there ten thousand one hundred and thirty pagodas twenty seven fanams (10,130–27) ten thousand (10,000) whereof were sent to Fort St. David, the remaining one hundred thirty pagodas twenty seven fanams (130–27–0) he now pays into the old cash.

An additional letter to the President and Council of Fort William to go by the *King William* and *Beaufort*, agreed to and signed, relating to saltpetre and whether it will not be more for the Company's interest to coin a larger proportion of silver into Arcot rupees.

As we have not bales, sufficient to fill up the *Prince of Wales*, Captain Pelly was sent for and acquainted that he must prepare to take in about an hundred ton of saltpetre and the Warehousekeeper is ordered to send it on board when the ship is ready, as also the usual quantity of redwood if the Captain should want so much for dunnage.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

Dr. The Hon'ble Company. *Cr.*

To waste in melting	21	27	0	By cash received of the Honourable Richard Benyon Esqr.	10,000	0	0
To short weight	67	18	0	By silver and copper alloy 3 1/16 per cent	306	9	0
To silver alloy	13	9	0				
To charges of coinage	72	0	0				
To cooley hire to Allumparra	1	0	0				
To cash sent to Fort St. David from thence	10,000	0	0				
	10,175	18	0				
To Ballance	130	27	0				
Pags. ...	10,306	9	0	Pags. ...	10,306	9	0

Fort St. George, 18th August, 1741.

Errors Excepted per Shroff LINGA CHITTY.

[*August*] 23. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 21st instant.

Arrived brigantine *Mary*, Philip Baker, from Fort St. David, with bales and a general letter of the 20th instant.

Sailed ship *Syrian Factory*, Samuel Lutton, for Bengall; the Honourable Company's ships *King William*, James Sanders, and *Beaufort*, Thomas Stevens, with treasure and redwood for Bengall, and general letter of the 20th and 22d instant.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1741.

General letters Nos. 85 and 86 both from Mr. Croke and Council of Fort St. David read, dated the 20th and 21st instant, advising the receipt of the 10,000 pagodas from Allumbrum, and covering invoice and bill of lading for bales on the *Mary* brigantine.

The gentlemen at St. David's being very pressing for a supply of stationary ware and what we have as yet received from England not being sufficient for our own occasions, the Storekeeper is ordered to look out for, and purchase any he may find in town.

Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, reads that account for last month vizt.

Custom on goods	Pags.	1,074	24	68
Ditto on grain	„	263	25	76
Anchorage	„	68	0	0
	Pags.	1,406	14	64

ballance due from him ten thousand and sixty seven pagodas twenty six fanams and fifty six cash (10,067–26–56), of which he pays in two thousand and sixty nine pagodas twenty six fanams (2,069–26–0).

The Accomptant reads the journal parcels for the month of June.

The Import Warehousekeeper delivers in as entered hereafter, the account sale of fifty pipes of the Madeira wine received by the *Beaufort* put up at outcry the 20th instant, amounting to two thousand two hundred and six pagodas twenty seven fanams 2,206–27–0 or forty-four pagodas four fanams and sixty nine cash (44–4–69) per pipe in an average.

The President and all the Council having been present at the sale and observing the price falling there, agreed to deferr the sale of the rest till they had reason to beleive it will fetch a better price.

Our Honourable Masters having in the 69th paragraph of their letter by the *Caesar* directed us to write to Bengall to send three tons of rice extraordinary on each ship to St. Helena on the Captain's agreeing to take the usual freight for the same, and supposing we are to act in the same manner here, the Warehousekeeper is ordered to lade that quantity on the *Caesar* and *Prince of Wales* on the Captain's entering into engagements agreable to the Company's directions.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

Account sales of 50 pipes of Madeira Wine, at outcry at the Sea Gate, on Thursday the 20th August 1741.

Madeira wine	1	Pipe No.	1	The Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.	45	0	0
„	1	„	2	Captain Mylne	45	0	0
„	1	„	3	Ditto	45	0	0
„	1	„	4	The Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.	46	0	0
„	1	„	5	Mr. Goodwin	46	0	0
„	1	„	6	Captain Pelly	46	0	0
„	1	„	7	Mr. Morse	46	0	0
„	1	„	8	Collava Chitty	45	18	0
„	1	„	9	Mr. Goodwin	46	0	0
„	1	„	10	Captain Pelly	46	0	0
„	1	„	11	Mr. Ingliss	45	0	0
„	1	„	12	Mr. Schultze	46	0	0
„	1	„	13	Captain Tullie	46	0	0
„	1	„	14	Mr. Percival	46	0	0
„	1	„	15	Vencata Putty	45	0	0
„	1	„	16	Mr. Percival	46	9	0
„	1	„	17	Mr. Hammond	46	0	0
„	1	„	18	Captain Pelly	46	18	0
„	1	„	19	Mr. Crawford	46	0	0
„	1	„	20	Ditto	45	0	0
„	1	„	21	Captain Eckman	46	0	0
„	1	„	22	Mr. Savage	44	18	0
„	1	„	23	Ditto	45	0	0
„	1	„	24	Collava Chitty	44	18	0
„	1	„	25	Mr. Foxall	45	18	0
„	1	„	26	Mr. Jeynsen	44	18	0
„	1	„	27	Mr. Wynch	44	18	0
„	1	„	28	Collava Chitty	44	18	0
„	1	„	29	Venkaty	44	18	0
„	1	„	30	Mr. Goodwin	44	0	0

Madeira wine	1 Pipe	No. 31	The Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.	44	0	0
,,	1 ,,	32	Mr. Empson	43	18	0
,,	1 ,,	33	The Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.	43	0	0
,,	1 ,,	34	Vencaty Rama	42	0	0
,,	1 ,,	35	Mr. Morse	44	0	0
,,	1 ,,	36	Mr. Holt	43	0	0
,,	1 ,,	37	The Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.	42	0	0
,,	1 ,,	38	Coja Petrus	43	0	0
,,	1 ,,	39	Teagapa	42	0	0
,,	1 ,,	40	Vencaty	42	0	0
,,	1 ,,	41	Mr. Morse	43	18	0
,,	1 ,,	42	Mr. Jeynsen	42	18	0
,,	1 ,,	43	The Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.	42	0	0
,,	1 ,,	44	Mr. Jeynsen	41	0	0
,,	1 ,,	45	Mr. Crawford	42	18	0
,,	1 ,,	46	Teagapa	40	18	0
,,	1 ,,	47	Mr. Douglas	42	0	0
,,	1 ,,	48	Collattee	41	18	0
,,	1 ,,	49	Teagapa	40	18	0
,,	1 ,,	50	Ditto	40	18	0
	50 Pipes		... ... Pags ...	2,206	27	0

Errors Excepted

Fort St. George,
24th August, 1741

per William Monson,
Import Warehousekeeper.

[August] 25. Arrived ship *Jenny*, William Harper, from Bussora and ship *Nabee Bux*, Shaik Hussain, from St. Thome.

26. Received by peons from Maddepollam a general letter dated in August.

27. Received by peons from Vizagapatam a general letter of the 1st instant, accompanying another from Bengall of the 16th June.

Sent to Fort St. David by peons and the *Mary* brigantine a letter of this date.

Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 24th instant.

28. Received by patamar from Anjengo a general letter of the 17th July with a packet for Bengall and another for England to be forwarded per *Nottingham*.

30. Sailed ships *Charles*, Monsr. Fournier, for Bengall; *Naugonaut*, Coja Artoon, and *Nabee Bux*, Shaik Hussain, for Tenasseree.

31. Arrived the Honourable Company's ship *Princess Augusta*, Captain George Goring, from the West Coast with a packet from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlborough.

Consultation, Monday, August 31, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed. General letters read vizt.

No. 87, from Messrs. Andrews and Churchey at Maddepollam dated in August inclosing their monthly papers for July and advising their having disposed of part of Mr. Goddard's effects.

No. 88, from the President and Council of Fort William of the 16th June advising of a deficiency in the redwood by the *Princess Louisa*.

No. 89, from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam of the 1st instant advising the *George's* arrival there with Mr. Stratton, the treasure and stores; that they should send her to Ingeram with the forty-three bales they have ready, and that they expect two hundred bales more for the January shipping; representing their fortifications to be in a very decayed condition, desiring some gun carriages and bayonet pieces, and a supply of thirty thousand (30,000) pagodas, Mr. Prince having made a draught on them for eight thousand (8,000) pagodas, and they having hopes of five hundred bales next year, promising that the defects complained of in their cloth shall be amended, inclosing as entered after the said letter

copies of two notes of hand of the deceased William Gibson to Gunnapanda Raganaicaloo, the payment of which has been demanded of them, and desiring another bale of superfine broad cloth.

No. 90, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 24th August advising that the Deputy Governour's commission had been published and should be duely obeyed, that the cash had been delivered to him; that what cloth they have on hand and can get ready shall be sent by the first conveyance, and that their merchants promise to add seven hundred bales more for the December ships, to what they have already sent us.

No. 91, from the Chief and Council of Tellicherry of the 17th July accompanying a packet for the Court of Directors to be forwarded by the *Nottingham*, and another for Bengall which they desire may be forwarded thither by the first conveyance that offers.

No. 92, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlborough dated the 25th July giving an account of their transactions in the Honourable Company's affairs on that coast to that time.

Mr. Nicolas Morse to whom the following certificates, advised of in the 74th para of the above letter from the West Coast are endorsed, tenders the same for payment vizt.

One to Robert Lennox Esqr. for	8,000	0	0
One to William Coles for	6,000	0	0
One to Frederick Haag for	4,000	0	0
One to William Rigg for	2,000	0	0
Four certificates amounting to ...	20,000	0	0

twenty thousand dollars which are ordered to be discharged.

Agreed to advise in our letter to England by the *Caesar* of the several sums specified in the 69th, 70th and 71st paragraphs of the said letter be paid into the Company's Cash there on account the estates of Alexander Edgar, John Innes and Francis Everest Esqr.

Agreed also in compliance with the request in the 25th paragraph of the said letter to desire the gentlemen in the Bay to order the ship they send to the West Coast to call at Moco Moco for the pepper that may be there.

The gentlemen at the West Coast advising in their 29th paragraph that they had received eight hundred gunny bags short of the *Princess Augusta's* bill of lading, and that they had received forty spring bolts only by her bill of lading, though there were eighty mention'd in her invoice, the Warehousekeeper and Storekeeper are ordered to enquire into the causes of these differences.

The master of the *Augusta* representing her to have been so much damaged with the lightning on the West Coast, that she required a good deal of repairs, it was agreed to appoint Captains John Pelly and Robert Mylne attended by the Company's and the carpenters of the Europe ships to go on board to survey her and report to the Board what condition they find her in.

Petition of Grantham Mead read as entered hereafter, setting forth that not enjoying his health here he desires permission to quit the Honourable Company's service and to take his passage to England on the *Caesar*, which is granted.

The soldiers who have served out their contracted times, petition for their discharge which are granted, namely, Joseph Brunshill, Anthony Twyne, William Lee, John Hughes, John Holmes, Swen Lumberg, Robert Winn, Henry Osborne, Benjamin Morley, Robert Smith.

Nicolas Morse, Paymaster, reads that account for last month Vizt.

Charges garrison	2,455	0	47
do. cattle	66	24	0
do. diet	583	12	0
Fort Marlborough	10	0	0
Fort St. David	83	0	0
Charges hospital	51	3	40

Charges general		552	11	65
Bombay Presidency		101	10	0
Charges extraordinary		178	12	70
Black Town wall		1,929	9	37
Repairs of fortifications		72	26	37
	Pags. ...	6,033	2	56

ballance due to him one thousand and thirty three pagodas two fanams and fifty six cash (1,033-2-56) which is now paid him.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in his account are entered hereafter.

He also delivers in, as entered hereafter, an account of cattle sold by him pursuant to order of Consultation of the 25th May and pays in five hundred and thirty (530) pagodas the produce thereof.

William Monson, Land Customer, reads that account for last month Vizt.

Choultry customs	Pags.	508	30	41
Registring slaves	„	0	8	0
	Pags. ...	509	2	41

ballance due from him four hundred and ninety six pagodas twelve fanams and forty one cash (496-12-41) which he now pays in.

William Monson, Storekeeper, reads that account for last month, ballance due from the six hundred seventy one pagodas five fanams and sixty seven cash (671-5-67) which is carried forward.

Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chitty, beetle and tobacco farmers, pay in eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (833-12-0) for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Ram Chundra and Gaunapah Moodelaire farmers of the arrack and wine licence pay in three hundred thirty five (335) pagodas for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper reads that account for last month, ballance due from him five thousand and eighty eight pagodas twenty nine fanams and forty cash (5,088-29-40) and pays into cash.

In part of the said ballance, five thousand pagodas ...	5,000	0	0
On account of broad cloth delivered the merchants three thousand	3,000	0	0
On account of fanams sold, two thousand and seventy two ...	2,072	0	0
In part of silver sold Linga Chitty, six thousand	6,000	0	0
In all ...	16,072	0	0

sixteen thousand and seventy two pagodas.

Tomby Chitty &ca. renters of Trivitore &ca. villages pay in twelve hundred and thirty (1,230) pagodas, for one year's rent due the 16th October last.

Draught of a letter to the Hon'ble Court of Directors, designed by the *Nottingham* and *Cæsar* read to the end of the fifth head, and some additions being made thereto occasioned by the *Princess Augusta's* arrival last night, from the West Coast, it was ordered to be copied out fair.

Fenwicke Golightly and William Burton entertained as monthly writers, the first to be employed under the Accomptant, the other under the Secretary.

Monsr. Dumas having by letter acquainted the President with his purpose of going to Europe, and requests our bills of exchange on the Honourable Company for about twenty thousand pagodas, the two following sets consisting of four bills

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each of this date payable at seven shillings and four pence (7s. 4d) per pagoda and ninety days sight for value received of himself are now signed, Vizt.

	£	s.	d.	P.	f.	c.
1 Set to Monsr. Dumas, Knight of the Order of St. Michael or order for	1,466	13	4	4,000	0	0
1 To ditto	5,500	0	0	15,000	0	0
2 sets amounting to	£6,966	13	4	19,000	0	0

Six thousand nine hundred sixty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, or nineteen thousand pagodas, which sum is now paid in by his attorney Padre Thomas.

The President reads the mint account current for last month, ballance remaining in the mint doodoes forty thousand five hundred and twelve, (40,512) fanams seventy four thousand five hundred and ninety two (74,592) and rupees two hundred fifteen thousand seventy four and a half (215,074–8–0) which are carried forward and due from the mint seventy eight pagodas twenty four fanams and fifty cash (78–24–50) which he now pays in.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Whereas my state of health has been very indifferent since my arrival here, and find that my constitution is not suitable to this country, I do therefore request your honour &ca. will permit me to lay down the Honourable Company's service, and that you would be pleased to order the Commander of the *Cæsar* to receive me and my necessaries on board.

Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servant,

Fort St. George,
31st August 1741.

GRANTHAM MEAD.

ACCOUNT OF CATTLE SOLD PURSUANT TO ORDER OF CONSULTATION OF THE 25TH MAY.

Sold 2 at Pags. 5 each...	Pagodas	10	0	0
Sold 160 at 3¼ each	...	520	0	0
	Pags ...	530	0	0

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY ARISE AS FOLLOW VIZT.—

	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Fort Marlborough—						
Allowance money to Rajah Culadeen and servants				10	0	0
Fort St. David—						
Travelling charges for thirty soldiers sent thither.				33	0	0
Bombay Presidency—						
The gunner and military designed for Anjengo arriving here upon the *Halifax* paid them their wages for July as per book account particulars.				101	10	0
Charges extraordinary—						
Paid for dieting choultry prisoners this month ...	0	15	40			
Marshal's note for dieting a lunatick soldier ..	2	0	0			
Do. John Baptisto ...	4	0	0			
Allowance money to Mr. Ackman's child ...	2	0	0			
House rent for the Revd. Mr. Wynch	7	0	0			
Gave Subdar Ally Cawn's mouldar on receiving a present	1	32	40			

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Gave Subdar on bringing a letter 5 Rs. ...	1 20 70	
Do. on receiving a present 6 Rs. ...	1 32 40	
Gave Tritchanopoly peons 1 R. or fans 11-20, Subder Ally's Do. 1 R. or fans 11-20...	0 22 40	
Paid for dieting five Nincobar men at 6 fans. per day	5 6 0	
Paid two soldiers for relisting for 5 years longer.	10 0 0	
Cooleys for bringing a leager to the Main Guard.	0 3 0	
Batty for 170 of the Peddanaigue's peons ...	141 24 0	
		178 12 70
Black Town wall— Materials used and workmen employed as per book account particulars		1,929 9 37
Repairs of fortifications— Materials used and workmen employed as per book account particulars		72 26 37
Pags ...		2,324 22 64

[September] 2nd. Died Mr. Borlace Stacey, writer, who came lately from Fort St. David.

Consultation, Thursday, September 3, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper pays in two thousand (2,000) pagodas in part of the bailance of his account for August.

The President reads the cash account for last month, ballance remaining now compared with the cash chest; in the new money twenty six thousand two hundred eighty one pagodas twelve fanams and forty seven cash (26,281–12–47); in the old money twelve thousand two hundred ninety two (12,292) pagodas and seventy eight (78) Madrass pagodas, which is carried forward.

Agreed that five thousand (5,000) pagodas be advanced the Pay Master towards defraying the charges of the running month.

Captains Pelly and Mylne having been on board to survey the *Princess Augusta*, their report is now read as entered hereafter, which being taken into consideration, it was agreed to send her to Bengal.

Agreed to send on her to the Bay ten garce of salt to be forwarded from thence to the West Coast on the *London*, together with five hundred (500) bags of rice besides the stores mentioned in the West Coast indent to be provided there.

Ordered that the other articles of the West Coast indent procurable here be got in readiness to send thither by the *George*.

Agreed also to desire the President and Council of Fort William in case any of the latter ships pass us to send twenty men of the military that may be designed on them for this place on the *London* to the West Coast, or otherwise that they will endeavour to raise so many recruits for that service, and in case they send any of the military designed for this place that they will endeavour to supply us with others in their stead.

Ordered that the Export Warehousekeeper do settle and make up the freight of the *Princess Augusta* from the West Coast.

The Board being of opinion that if the *Prince of Wales* could be got ready to sail with the *Nottingham* and *Caesar* it would add to security of the three ships in the homeward bound passage, the Commanders were sent for; and Captain Browne acquainting the Board he intended to sail the 10th of this month but would not stay longer than the 15th, except this Board should advise him in writing to the contrary, Captain Pelly was asked what time his ship would be ready, who replied that if there had been bales sufficient to compleat his tonnage he could have been ready in fifteen or twenty days after his arrival, but being to

take in saltpetre it was so troublesome and tedious shifting the ship with all her coffee in, that he feared it would be the end of this month or the beginning of next before he should be ready to sail, which being longer than we shall care to keep the other two ships, he was asked if he could not get ready to sail between the 20th and 25th of this month; and replying he should be better able to resolve us in a week more, the further consideration of this affair was deferred till this day seven night.

The cowle for the farm of the Trivitore &ca. villages expiring the 16th of next month the Board agreed to let them upon the same terms as the present farmers have them, to Linga Chitty and Berry Timapah, from whom we hope more punctual payments of the rent, and that better care will be taken of the villages.

Mr. Borlace Stacey dying last night, the Pay Master is ordered to see him buryed and to take care of his effects if any should be left.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Consonant to your honour and Council's order we this day went on board the Honourable Company's ship *Princess Augusta* attended by Robert Leonard, ship carpenter of this place, and Allen Woodman, carpenter of the *Prince of Wales*, and find her in the following condition—Vizt.

The fore-mast has a rent athwart about ten foot long and eight inches deep; it is our opinion that the said mast may be made good and sufficient with a fish as the mast stands.

The main mast is too small for the ship and the cheeks rotten; it's our opinion it may be made fit for the ship when new cheeked and a good fish, to do which it must be hove out and brought on shore.

The main yard we condemn as entirely rotten.

The plank of the decks and quick work seems to be very good, but the seams are open; it's our opinion it is not proper to take goods on board until her decks and upper works are caulkt.

The Captain and Officers report that she has been upward of twelve months off the ground, and when they gave her a heel at Pullo found her sheathing very much worm eaten and extremely foul.

We sounded the pump and found that in half-a-hour she made one inch of water.

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your very humble servants,

JOHN PELLY, JUNR.—ROBERT MYLNE.

Fort St. George,
2nd September, 1741.

Dr. The Hon'ble United Company's (New) Cash. *Cr.*

		P.	f.	c.
1	To ballance brought from last month's account	14,133	7	15
17	To Augustus Burton, Export Warehouse-keeper, received the ballance of that account for last month	663	13	17
24	To Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, received in part the ballance of that account for last month	2,069	26	...
31	To Nicolas Morse, Paymaster, received for cattle sold by him	530	...	...
	To William Monson, Land Customer, received the ballance of that account for last month	496	12	41
	To Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chitty, beetle and tobacco farmers, received one month's rent due 5th instant.	383	12	...
	To Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence, received one month's rent due the 5th instant	355	...	...
	To Tomby Chitty &ca. renters of Trivitore &ca. villages received one year's rent due the 16th October last	1,230	...	...
	To William Monson, Import Werehouse-keeper, received of him Vizt.— In part the ballance of that account for last month ... ... 5,000; On account of broad cloth delivered the merchants ... ... 3,000; On account of fanams sold ... 2,072; In part of silver sold Linga Chitty 6,000	16,072	...	...

To bills of exchange, received for the two following setts in four bills each, of this date payable at 7s. 4d. per pagoda and 90 days sight.

		£	s.	d.	
1	To Monsr. Dumas, Knight of the Order of St. Michael, or order for ...	1,466	13	4	4,000
1	Do. do. ...	5,500	...	...	15,000
2	Sets amounting to	£ 6,966	13	4	at 7s. 4d. 19,000

		P.	f.	c.
	To Richard Benyon Esqr., Mint Master, received the ballance of that account for last month ... ... Madrass Pags.	78	24	50
	To the Hon'ble United Company's old cash, for the ballance of fanams remaining there transferred hither	...	27	...
	Pags ...	55,442	15	23

Dr. The Hon'ble United Company's (Old) Cash.

		P.	f.	c.
1	To ballance brought from last month's account	36,555	...	...
	To Fort St. David, received from thence as musters of what was reported there to be worse than 70 touch	57	...	...
21	To Linga Chitty, for what sent by him from Allumparra to Fort St. David as per his account entered after Consultation of this date	10,000	...	...
	To batta, received of Linga Chitty the difference of the produce of the 10,000 pagodas delivered him to coin at Allumparra for Fort St. David	130	27	...
	Pags. ...	46,742	27	...

Dr. Madrass pagodas

		P.	f.	c.
1	To ballance brought from last month's account	185	...	...
19	To Linga Chitty received what agreed for with him to send with Mr. Hallyburton ...	5,000	...	...
31	To cash, for the mint July ballance ...	78	...	...
	Pags. ...	5,263	...	...

Contra.

		P.	f.	c.
1	By Fort St. David sent thither overland ...	5,550	...	..
3	By Nicolas Morse, Pay Master, advanced him for the running month	5,000	...	..
	By Augustus Burton, Export Warehouse-keeper, advanced him for the painters ...	2,000	...	...
	By Terumangalam Comrapa and Permall, advanced them for fine goods ...	10,000	...	...
	By Linga Chitty advanced him to provide 5,000 Madrass Pags	5,500	...	...
31	By Madrass pagodas the mint July ballance	78	...	...
	By Nicolas Morse, Pay Master, paid the ballance of that account for last month.	1,033	2	56
		29,161	2	56
	By ballance carried to next month's account	26,281	12	47
	Pags ...	55,442	15	23

Contra. *Cr.*

		P.	f.	c.
1	By Fort St. David sent thither overland by peons in part the remittance	4,450	...	...
3	By Linga Chitty, delivered him to coin at Allumparra for Fort St. David ...	10,000	...	...
18	By Linga Chitty delivered him more to coin at Allumparra for advances to our merchants	10,000	...	...
24	By Fort St. David for what was received there from Allumparra as per the general letter from thence of the 21st instant ...	10,000	...	...
31	By the Hon'ble United Company's new cash, for the ballance of fanams remaining here transferred thither	...	27	...
		34,450	27	...
	By ballance carried to next month's account	12,292	...	...
	Pags. ...	46,742	27	...

Contra. *Cr.*

		P.	f.	c.
20	By Maddepollam factory sent thither with Mr. Hallyburton on the *Fort St. George* brigantine	5,185	...	...
31	By ballance carried to next month's account	78	...	...
	Pags. ...	5,263	...	...

Errors excepted

Per Richard Benyon.

[Sept.] 3. Arrived ship *Fanny*, Edward Frederick Reade, from Bussorah.
6. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 3d instant.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

General letter No. 93 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 3d instant read advising their having discharged Mr. Macknight their surgeons mate, and desiring to be supplied with another in his stead. The imports of the *Duke D'Orleans* at Pondicherry from France and that the *Pentievre* and *Bourbon* were near sailing for France and inclosing their monthly papers for July and cash account for last month.

The Assay Master delivers in as entered hereafter the account of the coinage and produce of the seventy nine ounces of gold belonging to Rangum, a shroff, confiscated by order of Consultation of the 3d June last and pays in five hundred and forty two pagodas thirty five fanams and ten cash (542–35–10,) the nett produce thereof after deducting the gratuities made to the discoverers of the fraud, by order of the same Consultation, which is ordered to be placed to the head of Criminal Forfeitures.

A set of bills of exchange of this date signed, drawn on the Court of Directors at seven shillings and four pence (7s. 4d.) per pagoda and ninety (90) days' sight for three hundred twenty seven pounds and a penny (327–0–1) sterling payable to Mr. John Sanderson or order for eight hundred ninety one pagodas thirty fanams (891–30) received here of Samuel Barlow.

Two soldiers, Arthur Dollenson and Daniel Lewis, petition for their discharges, which are granted, they having served out their contracted times.

The *Princess Augusta* being near ready for sailing to the Bay, a letter to go by her is now agreed on.

Ordered that the Secretary send Captain Pelly a copy of the usual caution against fire, to lay good dunnidge under the bales, not to keep the boats long on board with bales in them, and to be on board himself as much as possible.

Ordered also that he write to Fort St. David for the account cost of cloth received from thence on the *Mary* brigantine of this year's investment.

Agreed that the silver remaining in the warehouse be delivered to Linga Chitty to be coined into Arcot rupees, in which specie they will be ready to put on board any of the latter ships which may happen to drop in here, or otherwise be more ready for sale than bullion if we should want to raise pagodas.

Agreed also that eleven thousand (11,000) of the new pagodas be delivered Linga Chitty to deliver us ten thousand (10,000) pagodas which will soon be wanted for the use of the northern settlements.

Mr. William Percival pays in two hundred and forty (240) pagodas making oath that the same is on account of Captain Richard Mickelfield Junr. his adventure outward bound and the returns thereof, for which three certificates of this date are now signed.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper pays in ten thousand (10,000) pagodas in part for silver last sold, Linga Chitty.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

ACCOUNT COINAGE OF RANGUM'S COARSE GOLD SEIZED IN THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S MINT, AND CONFISCATED TO THEIR USE PER ORDER OF THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF THE 3D. JUNE LAST.

		P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Gold ...	79 oz. 16 dwts. 12 gr. 71¾ touch W. 10 5/16 per cent. is Madrass Current Pags. Matt. 71 oz. 11 dwts. 18 gr. makes		653 27 40
	Deduct refining charge at 1 per cent.	6 19 30	
	Coinage at 6½ per mill	4 9 0	
			10 28 30
	Nett Madrass current Pags ...		642 35 10

Gratuities paid in pursuance of the above mentioned order,—

	Pags.			
To Vencaty Putty	25			
To Mootiah	25			
To Vencatadree	25			
To Ramah	25			
		100	0	0
Paid into the Hon'ble Company's cash ... Pags. ...		542	35	10

Fort St. George,
7th September, 1741.

[Sept.] 10. Sailed ship *Jenny*, William Harpur, for Bengal, and the Honourable Company's ship *Princess Augusta*, Captain George Goring, with a general letter dated yesterday.

— Sailed brigantine *Mary*, Philip Baker, for Fort St. David with stores and letters dated the 27th August and 7th instant.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

The Paymaster delivers in as entered hereafter Captain Goring's bill for dieting the soldiers, Arabs and slaves sent on him to the West Coast, and the Coffrees from thence amounting to two hundred and thirty five pagodas four fanams (235-4) which is ordered to be paid.

Three sets of bills of exchange in four bills each set, signed, of this date drawn on the Honourable Court of Directors at seven shillings and four pence for a pagoda and ninety days' sight, payable as follows.

	£	s.	d.		P.	f.	c.
1 To Mr. Francis Cossigny or order for value of himself	733	6	8		2,000	0	0
1 To Mr. Barthelemcy Cayrefourg or order value of himself	733	6	8		2,000	0	0
1 To Mr. Francis Barry or order value of himself	733	6	8		2,000	0	0
3 Sets amounting to	£2,200	0	0	or	6,000	0	0

two thousand two hundred pounds sterling or six thousand pagodas, which sum is now paid in.

Thirteen thousand three hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (13,333-12) are now paid to Mr. Nicolas Morse for twenty thousand (20,000) dollars, the amount of the West Coast certificates tendered by him for payment the 31st ultimo at fifteen dollars for 10 pagodas.

The Nabob having wrote for the Cawngohee Duty for the last year ending the 30th June last, that thirty five (35) pagodas is now paid to his order.

As the *King William* brought us but five bales of superfine scarlet, agreed to write to the gentlemen in the Bay for what fine or superfine scarlet broad cloth may be consigned us by the latter ships or otherwise that they will send us five (5) bales of each out of their own store.

Agreed also to desire they will send us the dyed and culjeed flannels consigned us if they will not sell for fifty (50) per cent in the Bay.

The dispatch of the ships for England being taken again into consideration this day, and Captain Pelly told that he would have above three hundred and fifty, (350) bales to take in, he was then asked what time he thought he could get ready to sail, to which he replying that he beleived he could get ready by the 25th of this month, it was agreed to keep the *Cæsar* to sail in company with the *Prince of Wales*, and to give Captain Browne, the Commander of the *Nottingham*, our opinion and advice in writing, as copied hereafter, that as the *Cæsar* and *Prince*

of Wales will be ready to sail by the 25th of the month, it will be for the security of his own ship and add to that of the other two if they all sail from hence together and keep company in the homeward bound passage.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

The Honourable Company. Dr.

	P.	f.	c.
1740. To provisions for 20 soldiers, 18 Arabs, 5 women and 4 children, from October the 6th to November the 12th at 4 fanams per day each	198	16	0
1741. To provisions for 1 Arab prisoner from June the 16th to September the first	8	24	0
To ditto for Coffrys from July the 26th to September the 4th	28	0	0
Pags. ...	235	4	0

Errors Excepted

Fort St. George,
4th September, 1741.

per GEORGE GORING.

TO CAPTAIN THOMAS BROWNE, COMMANDER OF THE NOTTINGHAM.

Sir,

Captain Pelly acquainting us that he beleives he shall get the *Prince of Wales* ready to be dispatched for England by the 25th of this month, we have resolved to keep the *Cæsar* to sail with her, and we think proper thus to give you our opinion and advice that it will be for the security of your own ship, and add to that of the other two, if you all sail together and keep company in the homeward bound voyage.

We are, Sir, Your friends and servants

Fort St. George,
10th September, 1714.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

[Sept.] 12. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 9th instant.

14. Arrived ship *Chandanagor*, Monsr. Perdigruier, from Bussora.

— Sent by peons to Fort St. David, a general letter of this date.

15. Received by peons from Metchlepatam a general letter from Mr. Hallyburton of the 1st instant.

— This evening arrived the Hon'ble Company's ship *Wager*, Captain Charles Raymond, from England, without a packet for this place and Messrs. Nicholls and Kelsal, two covenanted servants, passengers.

17. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 14th instant.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed. General letter read Vizt.

Nos. 94 and 96, both from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David, the first dated the 9th instant inclosing the account cost of the cloth sent us on the *Mary* brigantine of this year's investment, the other of the 14th advising that they were endeavouring to get the sloop *Carolina* off, and that the fossbray works there would far exceed the former calculate, and inclosing two reports on those subjects.

No. 95. from Mr. John Hallyburton at Metchlepatam of the 1st instant advising his arrival there the 26th of last month and that he had sent the money he carried with him to Maddepollam.

Captain Raymond not having brought any packet for this place, the Secretary is ordered to demand his reasons in writing for coming here.

Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, reads that account for last month, Vizt.

Customs on goods...	Pags.	1,308	33	28
Ditto on grain	„	142	17	76
Anchorage	„	83	18	0
		1,534	33	24

ballance due from him nine thousand four hundred ninety eight pagodas twenty four fanams (9,498–24) of which he pays in three thousand two hundred and fifty (3,250) pagodas.

The gunner delivers in a list of sundry warlike stores wanting in the garrison which being considered and thought necessary, is ordered to be drawn out fair for signing to be sent to England by these ships.

Four sets of bills of exchange of this date signed, drawn on the Honourable Court of Directors at ninety days, payable as follows.

For free merchants &ca. at 7s. 4d. per pagoda.

	£	s.	*d.*	P.	f.	c.
1. To Hannah Craddock or order for ...	1,895	1	7	5,168	14	23
1. To Charles Benyon or order	8,000	0	0	2,181	29	36
2. Sets value of Richard Benyon Esqr.						
1. To Richard Nevill or order value of Nicolas Morse and William Monson.	2,200	0	0	6,000	0	0
3 sets at 7s. 4d.	4,895	1	7	13,350	7	59
In return for Coral at 7s. 8d. per pagoda.						
1. To Judah Supino and Son or order value of Nicholas Morse	128	2	8	334	9	35
In all 4 sets amounting to	£ 5,023	4	3 or	13,684	17	14

Five thousand and twenty three pounds four shillings and three pence sterling or thirteen thousand six hundred eighty four pagodas seventeen fanams and fourteen cash which sum is now paid in.

The Import Warehousekeeper desiring the directions of the Board at what price he shall deliver the Madeira wine out of the warehouse to those who may apply for any, it is agreed that he deliver it out at fifty (50) pagodas per pipe.

Letter from Captain Robert Cummings of the *Cæsar* read as entered here after requesting that, agreable to the clause in that ships charter-party, we would advance him the three hundred (300) dollars for every hundred tons she lets out for, or the amount of it in pagodas, for buying victuals and other necessary provisions for his ship, agreed that the amount thereof being fourteen hundred eighty five (1,485) dollars, be supplied him out of cash at the rate of ten (10) pagodas for fifteen (15) dollars. Ordered that the Secretary draw out three receipts for the same and that Captain Cummings' request be sent to England in the *Cæsar's* packet.

General letter to England to go by the *Cæsar*, *Prince of Wales* and *Nottingham* read in three copies to the end of the tenth head.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Nicholas Morse—William Monson.

To the Honourable Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

There being a clause in my charter party, whereby the Honourable Company oblige themselves, if the ship be not dispatched from India for England by the 31st January 1740, if requested, to supply the ship with three hundred dollars for every hundred tons the ship lets out for, or a proportionable amount in pagodas. I having occasion to purchase victuals and other necessary provisions for the ship *Cæsar*, desire the same may be advanced me, who am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servant,

Fort St. George. Robert Cummings.
17th September, 1741.

[Sept.] 18. Sailed ship *Fanny*, Edward Frederick Reade, for Bengall with a general letter of the 16th instant.

20. Sailed ship *Chandanagor*, Monsr. Perdigruier, for *Bengall*.

Consultation, Monday, September 21, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

Boocunjee Caushedoss's gomastah here produces to the Board a receipt dated the 10th instant given by Mr. Hallyburton to his gomastah at Metchlepatam for eight thousand and eighty (8,080) Madrass pagodas taken us by him on the letter of credit sent with him which is now paid, together with one hundred twenty one pagodas seven fanams and sixteen cash (121-7-16) being the one and a half (1½) per cent agreed for with him for exchange and charge of remittance.

Linga Chitty pays in the ten thousand (10,000) Madrass pagodas agreed for with him the 7th instant, and the produce of the ten thousand (10,000) pagodas of the old cash delivered him to coin at Allumparra the 18th ultimo, being ten thousand one hundred and thirty pagodas twenty seven fanams, (10,130-27) the same as the former parcel.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, pays into cash nine thousand (9,000) pagodas on the following accounts vizt.

	Pags.
On his running account	4,000
In further part for silver last sold Linga Chitty	5,000
	9,000

William Monson, Land Customer, reads that account for last month consisting of choultry customs four hundred thirty eight pagodas twenty seven fanams and seventeen cash (438-27-17) the ballance due from him being four hundred twenty six pagodas one fanam and seventeen cash (426-1-17) he now pays in.

John Savage, Rental General, pays into cash five hundered thirty five pagodas nineteen fanams (535-19) being the ballance due from Mr. Torriano on that account for the year ending the 31st August 1739 as per Consultation of the 7th April last.

Letter from Captain Raymond of the *Wager* read as entered hereafter giving for the reason of his coming here the weakly condition of his ship and telling us he hopes to be able to proceed for the Bay in twelve or fifteen days.

There being nine soldiers landed here from the *Wager* which were intended on her for the Bay, it is agreed to keep them here, and that the Surgeon whose petition is now read as entered hereafter, be paid the usual allowance of headmoney on them

One set of bills of exchange of this date signed, drawn on the Court of Directors for one hundred and fifty (150) pounds sterling payable to Nicolas Morse or order at ninety days' sight, and seven shillings and four pence, (7*s.* 4*d.*) for a pagoda in full for four hundred and nine pagodas three fanams and twenty one cash (409-3-21) now paid in by him.

The *Cæsar* and *Prince of Wales* having all their cargo on board, ordered that the Paymaster and gunner do go on board to survey their men and warlike stores and report to the Board whether they be every way provided for making a stout resistance against the attacks of an enemy.

The indent to England for gunner's stores signed in three copies to go by the ships now in the road bound thither.

Petitions of Mrs. Elizabeth Hubbard and Mrs. Margaret Barlow, for permission of passage to England on the *Nottingham* read as entered hereafter and granted.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Your Secretary having by your order demanded my reasons for coming in here, not having any packet for this place, I am in answer thereto to acquaint your honour &ca. that besides that at my leaving England I was indulged in a liberty of touching here, though not consigned hither, my ship's company began before I make the Island Ceyloan, to fall down so fast with the scurvy that I thought it my duty and for the security of the Honourable Company's effects, to call here for some refreshment. When I came to an anchor here I had hardly any of my foremast men capable of service and forty five men quite useless and in a miserable condition, but I am in hopes that in twelve or fifteen days they will be so well refreshed as to enable me to proceed to the Bay.

I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

Fort St. George
20th September, 1741. CHARLES RAYMOND.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble petition of David Duncomb, Surgeon of the *Wager*,
Sheweth,

That having had the care of nine soldiers intended for the Presidency of Bengall delivered ashoar here from the *Wager*, Captain Charles Raymond, he hopes your honour &ca. will be pleased to order the usual allowance of head money to be paid him here.

And your petitioner &ca.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

The petition of Elizabeth Hubbard,
Sheweth,

Your petitioner being desirous to go to England upon ship *Nottingham*, prays your honour &ca. to permit the Captain to receive her and her necessaries on board.

And your petitioner shall ever pray.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

The petition of Margaret Barlow,
Sheweth,

That your petitioner being desirous to go to England upon Ship *Nottingham* prays your honour &ca. to permit the Captain to receive her and her necessaries on board.

And your petitioner &ca.

[Sept.] 22. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 19th instant.

24. Arrived sloop *Rama*, Jonathan Blake, from Fort St. David.

CONSULTATION, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

One set of bills of exchange in four bills dated the 21st instant signed, drawn on the Court of Directors for three thousand six hundred sixty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence (3,666-13-4) payable to Monsr. Dumas, Knight of the Order of St. Michael, or order at ninety days' sight and seven shillings and four pence for a pagoda in full for ten thousand (10,000) pagodas now paid in for him.

General letter No. 97 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 19th instant read, giving us the reasons urged by their merchants for the dearness of the cloths, and advising that they had engaged Andiapa in the Company's investment.

The President reads the mint account current for last month, ballance remaining in the mint doodoes forty thousand five hundred and twelve (40,512) and fifteen thousand and sixty four rupees eight annas (15,064-8) which is carried forward, and due from the mint eighty one pagodas twelve fanams (81-12) which he now pays in.

Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, reads that account for last month Vizt.

	P.	f.	c.
Charges garrison	2,144	17	40
Charges diet	583	12	0
Charges cattle	66	24	0
Fort Marlborough	10	0	0
Bombay Presidency	101	10	0
Charges general	549	32	45
Charges extraordinary	210	34	56
Charges hospital	53	31	0
Fort St. David	30	0	0
Black Town wall	1,363	0	55
Repairs of fortifications	182	12	70
	5,295	32	26

ballance due to him two hundred ninety five pagodas thirty one fanams and twenty six cash (295-31-26) which is now paid him.

Miss Elizabeth Mansell requests permission of passage to England on the *Prince of Wales* which is granted.

James Browne, soldier, petitions for his discharge, which is granted, he having served out his contracted time.

The Paymaster and gunner having, pursuant to order of last Consultation, been on board the *Cæsar* and *Prince of Wales*, deliver in the respective lists of their men and warlike stores, and report that they found both ships fully manned and capable of making a good defence.

Captains Cummings, Browne and Pelly attending deliver in upon oath the respective manifest of goods laden by them on their several ships as their homeward bound adventure in order to their being sent to England in their packets, and at the same time acquaint the Board that neither of them shall pay any money into cash for certificates.

Several papers for England signed and the general letter for these ships read in three copies to the few last paragraphs of the supplement respecting the amounts of the invoices, registers &ca. which are ordered to be added as soon as possible; the letter to be dated and the ships to be dispatched tomorrow.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR AUGUST, ARISE AS FOLLOWS.

	P. f. c.	P. f. c.	P. f. c.
Fort Marlborough.			
Allowance money to Raja Cooladeen and servants			10 0 0
Bombay Presidency.			
The gunner and military arriving here upon the *Halifax* paid them their wages for this month			101 10 0
Charges general.			
Batta abroad and at home			41 12 40
Charges extraordinary as per account particulars Vizt.			
Paid for dieting choultry prisoners this month		1 3 0	
Martial's note for dieting a lunatick soldier		2 0 0	
Do. William Johnson ...		1 4 64	
Do. John Baptisto ...		1 2 32	
Allowance money for Mr. Ackman's child.		2 0 0	
House rent for the Revd. Mr. Wynch ...		7 0 0	
Dieting 5 Nincobar men 7 days ...	1 6 0		
5 Clouts for do. ...	1 34 0		
Tobacco, beetle and boat hire ...	0 18 0		
		3 22 0	
Gave the Tritchanopoly peons ...		0 11 20	
Gave Hussain Saib's mouldar ...		1 20 20	
Gave		1 20 70	
Gave Imaum Saib's mouldar		0 34 10	
Allowance to 32 soldiers that came on the *Beaufort* at 12 fanams each ...	10 24 0		
Doctor's note	35 20 0		
Cotts 32, Pags. 4·16; boats 3, fans. 15.	4 31 0		
		51 3 0	
Allowance to 34 soldiers that came on the *King William* at 12 fanams each	11 12 0		
Doctor's note	37 28 0		
Cotts 34, Pags. 4·26; boats 3, fans. 15	5 5 0		
		54 9 0	
Batta for 100 of the Peddanaigues peons.		83 12 0	
			210 34 56
Fort St. David.			
Travelling charges allowed the Revd. Mr. Wynch thither and back ...		20 0 0	
Do. allowed Mr. Sloper thither.		10 0 0	
			30 0 0
Black Town wall.			
Materials used and workmen employed as per book account particulars ...			1,363 0 55
Repairs of fortifications.			
Materials used and workmen employed as per book account particulars ...			182 12 70
Pagodas ...			1,938 34 61

[Sept.] 26. Arrived sloop *Robert*; Gabriel Da Costa from Fort St. David.

— 27. Sent by peons to Fort St. David, a letter of this date.

— 28. Sailed for England the Hon'ble Company's ships *Cæsar*, Capt. Robert Cummings, *Prince of Wales*, Captain John Pelly Junr., and *Nottingham*, Captain Thomas Browne, each ship having a packet for the Court of Directors, the dispatches to the two first were dated the 26th but not delivered till the 27th.

— For Bengall the Hon'ble Company's ship *Wager*, Captain Charles Raymond, with a general letter of the 26th instant.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1741.,

A letter to Fort St. David of this date to accompany a supply of ten thousand (10,000) Star pagodas read and signed.

The several letters from thence of the 14th and 19th instant being taken into consideration, the Board observed that if the merchants will not bring in the Salem cloth cheaper than 41½ Star pagodas per corge, it will be more for the Company's interest to make the whole investment at Chemanaickpollam at 42½ Allumparra pagodas per corge, the difference between 41½ and 42½ not being two and a half per cent, and the difference between the Star and Allumparra pagodas is 15 per cent, and it appears by the sale in England, the Chemanaickpollam cloth sold within a shilling a piece as well as the Fort St. David Salem. Agreed therefore to write the Deputy Governour and Council these our remarks, and that we do not consent to advance their merchants the Star pagodas till they make more reasonable proposals.

From what the Deputy Governour and Council write us, and the gunner's report of the sloop *Carolina* the Board were of opinion there had been a very great neglect of her; but the President producing a letter from the Deputy Governour advising that she was again afloat, agreed to write them, that she be repaired and got ready to go over the bar the first proper opportunity, but that they send us their opinion whether if the same method which has been taken now to float her would not have been effectual to have got her over the bar in December last, if it had been thought of then, because in that case we may choose to let her lye in the river till the monsoon is over.

As to the work in the ditch carrying round the fort, the Board remark'd the irregularity of the proceedings of the late Deputy Governour and Council in making an alteration, which would be attended with so considerable an increase in the expence without our previous consent or so much as advising us of it. But as that was omitted and so much money has already been spent upon it, our consent to compleating of it is in a manner become necessary, of which it is agreed to advise them and at the same time to remind them of the directions sent thither the 7th June, 1740, and to order for the future that they send us their Consultations monthly as was practiced in President Harrison's time.

The Accomptant reads the journal parcels for the month of July, and delivers in as entered hereafter the account salary due to the Honourable Company's servants for the last six months ending the 25th instant, amounting to fifteen hundred forty two pagodas twenty five fanams and twenty five cash (1,542–25–25) which is ordered to be paid.

Nicholas Morse, Export Warehousekeeper reads that account for last month, ballance due from him one hundred seventy eight pagodas eighteen fanams and twenty seven cash (178–18–27) which is carried forward.

William Monson, Provisional Storekeeper reads that account for last month, ballance due from him seventeen hundred and nine pagodas twenty one cash (1,709–0–21) of which he now pays in twelve hundred (1,200) pagodas.

Gongadara Eyah, Somboyah and Quotambaucum Gruapah, town brokers pay in three hundred and fifty (350) pagodas for six months rent of that cowle the 5th instant.

The same persons pay in one hundred sixty six pagodas twenty four fanams (166–24) for two months' rent of the cowle for the measuring duty due the 20th instant.

Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chitty, beetle and tobacco farmers pay in eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (833–12) for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Ram Chundra and Gaunapah Moodelaire farmers of the arrack and wine licence pay in three hundred thirty five (335) pagodas for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper reads that account for last month, ballance due from him thirty thousand seven hundred and fifty two pagodas three

fanams and seventy two cash (30,752-3-72) and pays into cash nine thousand three hundred twenty nine pagodas seven fanams and seventy cash, Vizt.

In further part of the said ballance,	Pags.	5,000	0	0
In full for the ten chests of silver last sold Linga Chitty		4,329	7	70
		9,329	7	70

The Scavinger acquaints the Board that the Parriars in that service under him had for some time before Mr. Torriano's death and since his being appointed to that employ, been very pressing for an increase of pay, and now absolutely refuse to continue any longer in it for twenty fanams a month, urging as their reason the hardship of their duty and that they can earn thirty fanams a month each at many easier services; he adds that upon enquiring what would satisfy them, they for a long time insisted on twenty four (24) fanams a month each, but at length agreed to continue in the service if the head Pariar among them be allowed twenty four and the rest twenty two fanams a month each, which is ordered to be paid them.

Mr. John Graham being indebted upon the Ingeram books Madrass Pags. 2,359-6-63 and having been often called upon to make good the same there, but not having hitherto complied therewith, he was this day called before the Board and a peremptory demand made thereof. He pleaded incapacity at present; upon which being acquainted with the Company's orders when any of their servants were in debt to them and did not pay the same when demanded, he desired we would suspend coming to any resolution thereupon till he could give us his case in writing; upon which the Board agreed to allow him till next Consultation to prepare and bring in the same.

Attaputty Comrapa and Rangomar Rangapa Chitty attending were called in and acquainted the Board they had brought in all the redwood they had contracted for last year and having made an estimate of what more may be sufficient for next season, we agreed with them for fourteen hundred (1,400) candies more to be brought in by the first of June next at two pagodas and a quarter ($2\frac{1}{4}$) per candy. At the same time they were told that if it was not ready to load on board the ships when wanted we would certainly weigh off the China sort, if they have any lying here and would allow them no more for it than two pagodas and a quarter ($2\frac{1}{4}$) the price of the Company's sort. Upon this it was remarked that no mention had yet been made upon our Consultation that two hundred and fifty (250) candy, part of three hundred contracted for with them the 30th July 1739 at three and a quarter ($3\frac{1}{4}$) per candy for the China market, had been laden on board the *King William*, the reason of which was that the redwood boats having been long wind bound to the northward and not thinking proper or prudent so late in the season to detain the *King William* till they arrived, it was then agreed to compleat her quantity with the China sort as mentioned in our letter to Bengall dated the 20th August. The Board beleiving they shall have no further occasion for the remainder of the China sort the merchants agreed to take it back again at the price we gave for it.

Agreed that three thousand (3,000) pagodas be advanced Attaputty Comrapa and Rangomar Rangapa Chitty for purchase of the 1,400 candy of redwood abovementioned, that four thousand (4,000) pagodas be advanced Linga Chitty for Madrass pagodas at 10 per cent; and that two thousand (2,000) pagodas be advanced the Paymaster to defray the charges incident to the Nabob and his family's being in town.

Then the Board agreable to what wrote our Honourable Masters in the 88th para of our letter dated the 26th instant proceeded to fill up the vacancies in Council, and appointed Mr. John Stratton, sixth, Mr. Thomas Eyre, seventh, Mr. Edward Harris, eighth and Mr. William Johnson, ninth.

Mr. Johnson was called in, and took his place accordingly; and the Board agreed to order Messrs. Eyre and Harris to come up hither from Fort St. David as soon as conveniently they can.

A draught of a letter to Bombay agreed on (No. 96), containing particularly a request to the President and Council that they will order two boats for the service of the West Coast to be built after the manner of the Surat boats.

Also draught of a letter to go by the *Ceres* and sloop *Duke of Cumberland* to accompany part of the men and the stores landed here out of the *Halifax*, now sending thither on the latter, and the rest of the men with the treasure on the *Ceres*.

Ordered that two copies more of our letter to England of the 21st instant viâ Pondicherry, with an addition of what advices we have received since respecting our Honourable Masters' shipping be got ready to send to Mr. Dorrill at Bussora by Captain Mylne in order to their being forwarded by the way of Aleppo and Grand Cairo pursuant to our Honourable Masters' directions in their 17th paragraph of the 6th February 1740.

Agreed also to inclose to Mr. Dorrill and desire him to forward as opportunity may offer our letter to Sir Everard Fawkener at Constantinople of the 12th August which we at that time intended to send by the way of Judda, but afterwards judged this the more ready way of conveyance.

Draught of a letter to Vizagapatam agreed on in answer to what the gentlemen there write about their fortifications and Doctor Gibson's estate.

Agreed to send advice to Mr. Hallyburton at Maddepollam of our having paid here the money he took up of Bookunjee Coshedoss house at Metchlepatam and to give him directions how to pass it to our credit.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—William Johnson.

Account salary due to the Honourable Company's servants from the 25th March 1741 to the 25th September 1741 Vizt.

					£	s.	d.		P.	f.	c.
The Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr., at £200 per annum Governour. Gratuity.	100	50	0	0	150	0	0	or	333	12	0
Randall Fowke Esqr., 2d of Council ...	100				50	0	0		111	4	0
Augustus Burton, 3d. of Council to the 17th August	70				28	0	0		62	8	0
Nicolas Morse, 4th of Council to the 17th August	50	20	0	0							
Do. 3d. Do. from Do.	70	7	0	0							
					27	0	0		60	0	0
William Monson, 5th of Council to the 17th August	40	16	0	0							
Do. 4th Do. from Do.	50	5	0	0	21	0	0		46	24	0
George Torriano, 6th of Council to the 16th May	40				5	13	8		12	22	53
John Graham, Senior Merchant ...	40				20	0	0		44	16	0
Matthew Empson, Do. ...	40				20	0	0		44	16	0
John Stratton, Do. to the 2d July.	40				10	5	6		22	30	0
John Hammond, Do. ...	40				20	0	0		44	16	0
William Johnson, Do. ...	40				20	0	0		44	16	0
John Savage, Do. ...	40	20	0	0							
Gratuity as Secretary ...	10	5	0	0							
Clerk of the Peace ...	45	22	10	0							
					47	10	0		105	20	0
Samuel Harrisson, Do. ...	40				20	0	0		44	16	0
Edward Michell, Do. to the 6th June ...	40				5	17	9		13	3	0
Sidney Foxall, Factor to the 14th July	15	4	10	10							
Junior Mercht. from Do.	30	5	18	4							
Assay Master ...	80	40	0	0							
					50	9	2		112	4	53
Cornelius Goodwin, Factor to the 14th July	15	4	10	10							
Junior Mercht. from Do. ...	30	5	18	4							
					10	9	2		23	8	53

	£		£ s. d.	P. f. c.
William Holt, Factor	15		7 10 0	16 24 0
Samuel Greenhaugh, Do.	15		7 10 0	16 24 0
Richard Starke, Do.	15		7 10 0	16 24 0
Charles Boddam, Writer to the 14th July	5	1 10 3		
Factor from Do. ..	15	2 19 2	4 9 5	9 33 53
John Hallyburton, Writer to the 14th July	5	1 10 3		
Factor from Do. to 20th Augt ...	5	1 10 0	3 0 3	6 25 0
Henry Powney, Writer to the 14th July	5	1 10 3		
Factor from 14th July ...	15	2 19 2	4 9 5	9 33 53
Samuel Affleck, Writer	5		2 10 0	5 20 0
George Pigot, Do.	5		2 10 0	5 20 0
John Legg, Do.	5		2 10 0	5 20 0
Arthur Rider, Do.	5		2 10 0	5 20 0
Foss Westcott, Do.	5		2 10 0	5 20 0
Alexr. Wynch, Do.	5		2 10 0	5 20 0
John Smith, Do.	5	P. f.	2 10 0	5 20 0
The Revd. Robert Wynch, Chaplain, at	£ 100-50-111 4			
Edwin Howard Do.	£ 100-50-111 4			
Nathaniel Barlow, Surgeon at	£ 36-18- 40 0			
Robert Douglas Do.	£ 36-18- 40 0		136 0 0	302 8 0
			£ 694 4 4	1,542 25 25

Fort St. George,
28th September, 1741.

RANDALL FOWKE,
Accomptant.

[Sept.] 28. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a supply of cash and a general letter of this date.

29. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

[Oct.] 2. Dispatched a pattamar to Bombay with a general letter of this date.

3. Sent by peons general letters of this date to Vizagapatam and Maddepollam.

Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 30th ultimo.

Arrived ship *Galatea*, William Tullie, from Bengall.

4. Sailed sloop *Robert*, John Seaton, for Fort St. David.

5. Arrived brigantine *Triton*, Manuel De Moura, from Yanam

Ship *Mercury*, William Clarke, from Bengall with a general letter of the 25th July.

6. Ship *Ann*, John Pidgeon, from Bengall with a general letter of the 6th August.

Received by peons general letters from Fort St. David dated the 2d, 3d and 4th instant.

The winds having been some days northerly and the weather beginning to look foul, a cattamaran was dispatched to meet the *Mary* with an order to the Master remanding him back to Fort St. David to land the Company's bales.

The Nabob left this place and went to his camp at Trekolee.

Sailed ship *Ceres*, Robert Mylne, for the Malabar Coast and Gulph of Persia and the sloop *Duke of Cumberland*, Robert Norton, for Anjengo; on both these went to Anjengo the military, treasure and stores landed here from the *Halifax*. By Capt. Mylne was sent in two copies to be forwarded by him a letter to the Resident at Bussorah of the 5th instant, inclosing general letters to England of the 21st September and 5th October to be forwarded by the way of Aleppo and Grand Cairo and also the general letter dated the 12th August to Sir Everard Fawkener at Constantinople.

This evening came in Messrs. Eyre and Harris from Fort St. David, and the peons who carried the last supply of money thither, by whom received the 3,553 pagodas of the country money which would not pass there and which is now replaced in the old cash.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

Messrs. Eyre and Harris took their seats at the Board as seventh and eighth of Council conformable to the resolution of the 28th ultimo.

General letters read vizt.

The four following from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David.

No. 98, dated the 30th ultimo advising that they had got the sloop *Carolina* afloat and inclosing a second report of their gunner concerning her ; No. 99, a duplicate dated the 2d instant covering copy of the invoice of, and second bill of lading for 190 bales of calicoes sent us on the *Mary* brigantine not yet arrived; No. 100, dated the 3d instant acknowledging the receipt of the money sent them 28th ultimo ; and No. 101, dated the 4th instant, in answer to ours of the 29th ultimo concerning the sloop *Carolina*, the fause braye work, the advancing their merchants Star pagodas, and their merchants' proposals for the investment telling us their shroffs report the Allumparra pagodas we sent them to be only sixty two touch, requesting a supply of stationary ware and inclosing their monthly papers for August, cash account for September and their Consultation for those two months.

Nos. 102 and 103, from the President and Council of Fort William. The first dated the 25th July acknowledging the receipt of several from us by the *Prince of Orange*, *Halifax* and *London* ; acquiescing in our detaining the eighteen soldiers out of the *Prince of Orange* ; advising that they shall credit this Presidency for the silver they received from the West Coast by the *Bedford* and how ; inclosing copy of the 6th, 11th, 12th and 87th paragraphs of the Company's letter to them by the *Prince of Orange* (the first being copies of the 5th paragraph to this Presidency by the *King William*, the two next respecting the *Nassau* and *London*, the last concerning Mr. Wynch), and extract of the list of investment they received at the same time, concerning the baftaes and sanoes to be sent hither, of which they have sent us twelve bales on the *Mercury* ; and inclosing a packet for England intended thither by the ships that sailed hence last month. The other dated the 6th August covering duplicate of the former and another packet for England, and desiring six small seals may be made and sent them, which the Paymaster is directed to comply with.

The President reads the cash account for last month, the ballance thereof now compared with the cash chest, consisting of forty four thousand two hundred seventy nine pagodas seventeen fanams and thirty two cash (44,279–17–32) of the new money, twenty two thousand four hundred and twenty two (22,422) pagodas of the old money, and nineteen hundred fifty eight (1,958) Madrass pagodas which is carried forward.

Agreed that five thousand (5,000) pagodas be advanced the Paymaster for the charges of the running month. And one thousand (1,000) pagodas to the Export Warehousekeeper for the painters.

John Savage, Rental General, pays in three hundred (300) pagodas on account of quit rents.

Ordered that ten (10) of the pagodas received from Fort St. David be delivered into the mint to be assayed.

Agreed to purchase the sloop *Dolphin*, burthen about twenty tons, of Mr. Hubbard's executors for three hundred (300) pagodas, and that sum is now paid out of cash to Mr. Morse for the same.

A letter from Mr. John Graham read as entered hereafter relating to his debt to the Company which being taken into consideration and the facts therein set

forth being known to several at the Board we are of opinion that our Honourable Masters considering the circumstances of the case will dispence with our omitting to go to the rigour of their orders when it happens that any of their servants become indebted to them and do not pay the money when demanded. Agreed therefore that Mr. Graham execute a bond for the amount of his debt being Madrass pagodas 2,359-6-63 or current pagodas 2,595-3-65.

Agreed that Mr. Eyre be Land Customer, Mr. Harris, Storekeeper and Mr. Johnson, Rental General and Scavinger and that they take charge of those employs the first of next month.

Agreed that Mr. Morse continue Paymaster till the first of January next, when Mr. Monson is to act in that employ, and who at the same time is to deliver to Mr. Morse the charge of the import warehouse.

Agreed that Mr. John Graham be third of Council at Fort St. David and Sea and Land Customer at Cuddalore, and that Mr. William Holt be sixth of Council at Fort St. David.

Agreed that Mr. Charles Boddam be writer at the Sea Gate in the room of Mr. Johnson.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

In obedience to your orders of the 28th instant, I now lay before your honour &ca. the reasons why that debt of Pags. 2,359-6-63, that I stand charged with has not been paid in all this time together with the reasons also, how I came to be indebted that sum to the Company.

I must observe to your honour &ca. that those debts to that amount were contracted when at Maddepollam, and upon my leaving that place and removing to Ingeram, they were brought to account in the books of that place. I did all that was possible to get them in by little and little, that I found those people at Maddepollam so miserably poor, that they had not wherewithall to make good their ballances, (as appears by several of my letters from Ingeram to which I beg to be referred to) except it was in such goods that would not answer to the Company's sortments; those I made an offer of, but as they were refused and not finding any vent for them here, induced me to send the greatest part of them to Pegue, from which place I am informed that they are all sold, and now wait only for remittances from thence, which as soon as I receive shall be paid into cash. In the mean time one thousand pagodas will be paid in a few days, as part of that debt.

I am respectfully, Hon'ble Sir and Sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

JOHN GRAHAM.

Fort St. George,
29th September, 1741.

Dr. THE HON'BLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

	Particulars	£	s.	d.	P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
1	To ballance brought from last month's account							26,281	12	47
3	To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received of him on that account for August							2,000	0	0
7	To Criminal forfeitures, received the nett produce of Rangum's gold as per Consultation of this date							542	35	10
	To bills of exchange received of Mr. Samuel Barlow for one set of this date drawn on the Hon'ble Court of Directors for £ 327-0-1 payable to John Sanderson or order at 7s. 4d. per pagoda and 90 days sight							891	30	0
	To account current, London, received of Mr. William Percival on account of Captain Richard Mickelfield Junr. adventure outward bound and the returns thereof as per Consultation and three certificates for the same of this date,							240	0	0
	To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper received of him in part for the silver last sold Linga Chitty							10,000	0	0
10	To bills of exchange, received for three sets of this date in four bills, each drawn on the Court of Directors at 7s. 4d per pagoda and ninety days' sight payable as follows									
Set.		£	s.	d.	P.	f.	c.			
1	To Francis Cossigny or order value of himself ...	733	6	8	2,000	0	0			
1	To Barthelemy Cayrefourg or order value of himself	733	6	8	2,000	0	0			
1	To Francis Barry or order value of himself ...	733	6	8	2,000	0	0			
3	Sets at 7s. 4d.	£ 2,200	0	0	or			6,000	0	0
17	To Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, received in part the ballance of that account for last month							3,250	0	0
17	To bills of exchange received for the following sets of this date drawn on the Honourable Court of Directors at 90 days' sight payable as follows:— For free merchants &ca. at 7s. 4d. per pagoda.	£	s.	d.	P.	f.	c.			
1	To Hannah Craddock or order for	1,895	1	7	5,168	14	23			
1	To Charles Benyon or order	800	0	0	2,181	29	36			
2	Sets value of Richard Benyon Esqr									
1	To Richard Nevill or order value of Nicholas Morse and William Monson	2,200	0	0	6,000	0	0			
3	Sets......at 7s. 4d.	£ 4,895	1	7 or	13,350	7	59			
	In return for coral &ca. at 7s. 8d. per pagoda.									
1	To Judah Supino and Son or order value of Nicholas Morse	128	2	8	334	9	35			
4	Sets amounting to	£ 5,023	4	3 or				13,684	17	14
21	To the Hon'ble Company's (old) Cash, for the fanams paid in those by Linga Chitty							0	27	0
	To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received of him on his running account				4,000	0	0			
	In further part for silver sold Linga Chitty				5,000	0	0			
								9,000	0	
	To William Monson, Land Customer received the ballance of that account for last month							426	1	17
	To George Torriano, Rental General received of John Savage the ballance due from him on that account for the year ending August 1739 as per Consultations of 7th April and this day...							535	19	(

PER CONTRA. **Cr.**

	Particulars	P.	f.	c.
3	By Nicolas Morse, Paymaster, advanced him for the running month ...	5,000	0	0
7	By Linga Chitty, advanced him to provide 10,000 Madrass pags. at 10 per cent.	11,000	0	0
10	By Fort Marlborough paid Mr. Morse the amount of the certificates endorsed to him from thence as per Consultation of the 31st ultimo and this date 20,000 at 15d. per 10 pagodas	13,833	12	0
	By rents and revenues paid the Cawngohee duty for the last year ending the 30th June last	35	0	0
17	By account current, London, paid Captain Cummings of the *Cæsar* for 1485 dollars the amount of the 300 per 100 tons the ship lets for at 15 per 10 pagodas, as per Consultation of this date and his receipts	990	0	0
21	By Madrass pagodas lent that account to pay Boocunjee Caushedos... ...	0	7	16
25	By Madrass pagodas for the mint August ballance	81	0	0
—	By Nicholas Morse, Paymaster, paid him the ballance of that account for last month	295	31	26

Date	Particulars	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
	To bills of exchange received of Nicholas Morse for 1 set of this date drawn on the Court of Directors at 90 days and 7s. 4d. per pagoda payable to himself or order for £ 150 or	409	3	21
25.	To bills of exchange received for one set in four bills dated the 21st, drawn on the Court of Directors for £ 3668–13–4 payable at 90 days' sight and 7s. 4d. per pagoda to Monsr. Dumas, Knight of the Order of St. Michael, or order for value of said Monsr. Dumas	10,000	0	0
	To Richard Benyon Esqr. Mint Master, received the mint August ballance	81	12	0
28	To William Monson, Provisional Storekeeper received in part the ballance of that account for last month	1,200	0	0
	To Gongadarah Eyah, Sombyah and Quotambancum Gruapa, town brokers, received six months' rent of that cowle due 5th instaut	350	0	0
	To Gongadarah Eyah, Sombyah and Quotambaucum Gruapa farmers of the measuring duty received two months' rent due 20th instant	166	24	0
	To Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chitty, beetle and tobacco farmers, received one month's rent due 5th instant	833	12	0
	To Ram Chandra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence received one month's rent due 5th instant	335	0	0
	To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper received of him on the following account Vizt.			
	In further part the ballance of that account for last month Pags ... 5,000 0 0			
	In full for the 10 chests of silver last sold Linga Chitty ... 4,329 7 70	9,329	7	70
	Pagodas ...	95,557	21	19

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Date	Particulars	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
28.	By account salary paid it for last 6 months ending the 25th instant ...	1,542	25	25
	By Attyputty Comrapah and Rangamar Rangapa Chitty, paid them in advance for 1400 candy of redwood as per Consultation	3,000	0	0
	By Linga Chitty, advanced him to provide Madrass pagodas at 10 per cent. ...	4,000	0	0
	By Nicolas Morse, Paymaster advanced him for charges incident to the Nabob and his family being in town	2,000	0	0
	By Fort St. David sent thither overland by peons	10,000	0	0
		51,278	3	67
30.	By ballance carried to next month's account	44,279	17	32
	Pagodas ...	95,557	21	19

Dr. The Hon'ble Company's (Old) Cash.

Date	Particulars	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
1.	To ballance brought from last month's account	12,292	0	0
21.	To Linga Chitty, received what delivered him to coin at Allumparra the 18th ultimo	10,000	0	0
	To batta received of Linga Chitty the difference in the 10000 delivered him here, coin'd at Allumparra	130	27	0
	Old Pags. ...	22,422	27	0

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Date	Particulars	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
21.	By the Hon'ble Company's (new) cash, for the fanams in this account transferred thither	0	27	0
30.	By ballance carried to next month's account	22,422	0	0
	Old Pags. ..	22,422	27	0

Dr. Madrass pagodas.

Date	Particulars	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
1.	To ballance brought from last month's account	78	0	0
21.	To Linga Chitty received what agreed for with him the 7th instant ...	10,000	0	0
	To the Hon'ble Company's (new) cash, borrowed of it	0	7	16
25.	To the Hon'ble Company's (new) cash, for the mint August ballance ...	81	0	0
	Pags. ...	10,159	7	16

Per Contra. Cr.

Date	Particulars		Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
21.	By Maddepollam factory, paid as per Consultation of this date on Mr. Hallyburton's receipt	8 080 0 0			
	Exchange and charge of remittance	121 7 16	8,201	7	16
30.	By ballance carried to next month's account		1,958	0	0
	Madrass Pags. ...		10,159	7	16

Errors excepted

RICHARD BENYON.

[Oct.] 9. Arrived brigantine *Mary*, Philip Baker Junr., from Fort St. George with bales, and a general letter of the 2d instant being the original of No. 99 before received, not having met the Catomoran that was sent with an order to remand her.

11. Sailed ship *Galatea*, William Tullie, for Bengall with a general letter of this date. Returned into the road the sloop *Duke of Cumberland*, Robert Norton, having lost her mast the day after she sailed from hence for Anjengo.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

As we shall want more Madrass pagodas for the northern settlements, agreed that five thousand, (5,000) Star pagodas more be delivered Linga Chitty to provide them on the same terms with the last.

Agreed also that five thousand (5,000) pagodas of the new cash be advanced Terevangalom Comrapa and Permall.

Agreed to dispatch a patamar tomorrow for Bombay to advise of our having sent to Anjengo on the ship *Ceres* and sloop *Duke of Cumberland* the military, treasure and stores landed here from the *Halifax*, and that ships the *Prince of Orange*, *London*, *Beaufort* and *King William* were safe arrived in the Ganges.

Mr. John Graham according to order of last Consultation executes a bond for two thousand five hundred ninety five current pagodas three fanams and sixty five cash (2,595-3-65), which is ordered to be lodged in the cash chest, and that when we write next to Ingeram, we direct Mr. Prince to transfer the same to account current, Fort St. George.

Mr. Morse lays before the Board a list of the houses and gardens pulled down and destroyed by order of Consultation the 19th January, and the measure of the grounds on which they stood, upon which it was agreed to appoint a Committee to state the damages received by the owners thereof, and what compensation it may be reasonable to make them and that they do report the same with their opinion to the Board. Agreed that Mr. Morse, Mr. Eyre and Mr. Johnson be of that Committee.

Then was read a draught of a letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David in answer to theirs of the 30th September 2d, 3d and 4th October, which being approved was ordered to be wrote out fair.

Having wrote the gentlemen at Bombay for leave to keep Mr. Waters (who was designed for Anjengo) at this place, and having accordingly kept him here, as not doubting of their consent, the Paymaster is ordered to transfer to charges garrison what has been charged to Bombay Presidency for the wages paid him since he has been here to the last of September, and Mr. Dawson the present gunner's mate intending for England in January, agreed that the said Mr. Waters be gunner's mate in his room and that his pay commence from the 1st instant.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM MONSON.

[Oct.] 12. sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

13. Sent by pattamar to Bombay a general letter of this date.

16. Sailed again, sloop *Duke of Cumberland* for Anjengo.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

William Monson, Land Customer, reads that account for last month Vizt.

Choultry customs	Pags.	471	16	22
Registring slaves		1	4	0
		472	20	22

ballance due from him four hundred fifty nine pagodas thirty fanams and twenty two cash (459-30-22) which he now pays in.

Agreed that five thousand (5,000) pagodas be advanced Pondaram &ca. managers for Chindadree Pettah for goods brought in.

The monsoon being too far set in to expect the *George* or to dispatch her to the West Coast, it is agreed that the little sloop *Dolphin* bought of Mr. Hubbard's estate be brought into the river.

A cowle for Trivitore &ca. villages dated the 16th instant let to Linga Chitty and Berry Timapa for twelve years at twelve hundred and thirty, (1,230) pagodas per annum, interchangeably signed by the Board on one part and the said Linga Chitty and Berry Timapa on the other, who are now tashariffed according to custom.

Ordered that copy of the regulation for the military received from England by the *Caesar*, extract of our Consultation of the 1st June last in consequence thereof, and commissions for Lieutenants Morgan and Amyand to be signed by the Board, be drawn out in order to their being sent to Fort St. David.

Having yet received no answer from Fort St. David to what we last wrote thither concerning the sloop *Carolina*, it is agreed to order the Deputy Governour and Council, in case they have been able to get her into the sea and should have any doubt about getting her out of Porto Novo river to send her directly to Negapatam and so on to Jaffnapatam, and the President is desired to send with her a letter to the Governour of Negapatam requesting his recommendation of her to Jaffnapatam.

The President acquaints the Board that upon the late shroff's being committed to the choultry, he had appointed two others who were recommended to him as honest and capable men to officiate in that employ, but who being only upon trial had not yet received any pay or allowance, and having hitherto behaved to satisfaction the President recommends them to the Board for their approbation, and at the same time delivers a petition which they had put into his hands for an allowance which being read as entered hereafter, was ordered to lye upon the table for further consideration.

Then was read a petition from the ruby brokers, complaining of the small importation of rubies from Pegue by reason of the troubles in that kingdom, and also of the decay of the jewelling trade on account of the troubles in this country, which being facts, this Board are well acquainted with, were therefore inclined to give them some reasonable relief, but supposing the cowle to be worth somewhat, they were ordered to deliver in another petition setting forth how much they would be willing to give for it.

A petition was also read from the renters of the buttecas and shroff duty, complaining of suffering by several of the shroffs who had left off their trade during the late bad state of the coin and also by several of the shops being pulled down which stood within two hundred yards of the Black Town wall, and therefore prayed for some relief. The said petition is ordered to lye upon the table for further consideration.

Richard Benyon—Randall Fowke—Nicholas Morse—William Monson—
Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—William Johnson.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,

President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

The petition of Tonduah Chitty and Comrapah, Shroffs,

Humbly sheweth,

That your petitioners entertain a most gratefull sence of your honour &cas. indulgence, by thinking your petitioners capable of the post of shroffs for this town, which employ your petitioners are very sensible as, it is of great consequence, requires the strictest attention for as much as attempts to debase the coin and pass such as current will not be wanting. All deficiencies in tale of money to

be made good by your petitioners and all sums for the inhabitants to be bagged and sealed by them; likewise your petitioners will, to maintain their post with credit, be obliged to entertain four other persons qualified for assistants and men of good repute to go through with the business. Therefore your petitioners beg leave to observe to your honour &ca. that besides salaries to be paid the above mentioned assistants your petitioners live at an annual expence in their families of 300 pags. per annum. As Tonduah Chitty has an allowance of 5 Pags. per mensem only, your petitioners are to entreat of your honour &ca. to consider them, so that they may pursue their business with chearfulness, and hope your honour &ca., will indulge them with some allowances out of the revenues, either that of the Sea Gate, Choultry or Mint, and that your honour &ca., will not think your petitioners unreasonable when they beg your honour &ca. by such methods as shall seem best, to grant your petitioners an annual income of five hundred pagodas each, by which your petitioners will be able to subsist and perform their duty with the utmost justice and punctuality.

And your petitioner &ca.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,

President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

The petition of Nairo Cashava Chintomby Chitty and Anda Kistnama Chitty,

Humbly sheweth,

That your petitioners having had the great honour of being by your honour &ca. appointed sole brokers for the selling of rubies, pearls, saphires, and all other precious stones, diamonds excepted, allowing them to receive for brokerage one per cent from the buyer and two per cent from the seller as per cowle granted them; and your petitioners humbly beg leave to represent to your honour &ca. that for these two years running here have been out of Pegue, but a few ships arrived and very small importation of rubies, at the same time the invasion the country government greatly suffered by the potent enemy Marattas hath occasioned the utter obstruction to the jewelling trade of rubies &ca. and thereby your petitioners came to be unemployed by the country merchants and others, which indeed has rendered them unable to pay the Honourable Company this year's rent. Therefore your petitioners humbly submit this their unfortunate case to your wisdom and pray for such relief as to your honour &ca. shall seem meet.

And your petitioners &ca.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,

President and Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

The humble petition of Tonta Vencatasiah, farmer of the butteeca rent and shroff duty,

Sheweth,

That in May 1738 your honour &ca. were pleased to grant your petitioner a cowle to farm all such rents and shroff duty as should arise from the Hon'ble Company's butteeca's, shops and sheds standing in and about the town of Madrasspatnam and the liberties thereof for the term of five years, and that your petitioner has strictly observed the contents of the said cowle, and always till now punctually paid his rent to the Honourable Company.

That when your petitioner took this cowle, there were no less than 180 shroffs who paid him a duty of 1 fanam a month each, by which your petitioner received a revenue of 15 pagodas a quarter, or 60 pagodas a year, which induced your petitioner to take it again. But since then so many shroffs have betaken themselves to other occupations that your petitioner has not received above 7½ pagodas per quarter, whereby your petitioner is ready to make appear to your honour &ca. that he has suffered a loss of 96 pagodas on this part of the cowle.

That when your petitioner took this cowle the butteca rent brought him in eleven pagodas a quarter or forty four pagodas a year ; but the pulling down of no fewer than 150 buttecas, shops and sheds in the Black Town and pettahs has occasioned your petitioner to receive no more for these two years past than seven pagodas a quarter and to be a loser on this branch of thirty two pagodas.

Your petitioner therefore humbly hopes your honour &ca., will take his case into consideration and grant him some relief by such a deduction from his rent as your honour &ca. shall deem reasonable.

And your petitioner &ca.

[October] 20. Sailed ship *Ann*, John Pidgeon, for Bengall.

21. Sent by peons to Fort St. David, a general letter of this date.

24. Sailed brigantine *Triton*, Manoel De Moura, fo the Malabar Coast.

25. Arrived ship *Annapoorna*, Vincataputty, from Pondemarka with general letters from Vizagapatam of the 1st September and 1st and 12th October.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

The accomptant reads the journal parcels for the month of August.

Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, reads that account for last month, Vizt.

	P.	f.	c.
Custom on goods	774	17	76
Do. on grain	333	8	52
Anchorage	78	0	0
	1,185	26	48

ballance due from him seven thousand four hundred pagodas four fanams and forty eight cash of which he now pays in two thousand one hundred and eleven pagodas twenty eight fanams (2,111–28–0).

The President reads the mint account current for last month, ballance remaining in the mint forty thousand five hundred and twelve (40,512) doodoes and fifteen thousand sixty four rupees eight anaes, 15,064–8–0 which are carried forward, and due from the mint twenty three pagodas seven fanams and thirty five cash (23–7–35) which he now pays in.

General letters from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam read Vizt.

No. 104, dated the 1st September, being a duplicate of what they wrote us by the *George* relating to the bales and brass and iron ordnance sent us on her, and one Richard Heycock, a soldier who is coming up on her.

No. 105, dated the 1st October serving for cover to the foregoing with duplicate invoice and second bill of lading for cloth &ca. sent us on the *George* and their accounts for July and August, and of the *George's* expences ; advising their having advanced Captain Taylor five hundred (500) rupees, and borrowed for the *George* an anchor which they desire may be returned.

No. 106, dated the 12th October communicating the advices they had received of the *George* being at Maddepollam the 2nd of the month having sprung a leak.

John Savage, Rental General and Scavinger, pays in three hundred and fifty (350) Pags. on account of quitrents.

Commissions for the two lieutenants at Fort St. David, dated the 19th instant, produced and signed.

The President acquaints the Board that application had been made to him by Nabob Herasat Caune, that a house belonging to him standing in Choultry street in the Black Town might be excused from paying quitrent and Scavinger's duty and that Imaum Sahib had requested the same in behalf of Assan Meah who has another house standing in the same street, and it appearing by the rolls that the

first is taxed at no more than five (5) pagodas, and other at three (3) pagodas per annum, and the Board being of opinion that we ought not to disoblige them by refusing to comply with their request, the Rental General and Scavinger is ordered to leave those two houses out of the rolls whilst they continue the property of the present possessors.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—THOMAS EYRE—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1741.

MR. HARRIS *Sick.*

Last Consultation read and signed.

Nicolas Morse, Pay master, reads that account for last month Vizt.

	P.	f.	c.
Charges garrison	2,739	25	28
Charges diet	583	12	0
Charges cattle	66	24	0
Charges extraordinary	189	20	20
Fort Marlborough	251	4	0
Charges general	878	12	9
Charges hospital	52	11	0
Fort St. David	10	0	0
Bombay Presidency	434	33	40
Black Town wall	1,031	35	62
Repairs of fortifications	212	3	40
	6,450	1	39

ballance due to him fourteen hundred and fifty pagodas one fanam and thirty nine cash (1,450–1–39) which is now paid him.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in his account are entered hereafter.

William Monson, Storekeeper, reads that account for last month, ballance due from him nine hundred eighty five pagodas eleven fanams and seventy nine cash (985–11–79) of which he pays in nine hundred (900) pagodas and Mr. Harris being yet too much indisposed to receive the stores from him as was agreed the 8th instant, Mr. Monson is desired to continue his care of that employ till the beginning of December.

Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chitty, beetle and tobacco farmers, pay in eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (833–12–0) for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire farmers of the arrack and wine licence, pay in three hundred thirty five (335) pagodas for month's rent due the 5th instant.

Nicolas Morse, Export Warehousekeeper reads that account for last month, ballance due from him forty four pagodas thirty five fanams and seventy five cash (44–35–75) which is carried forward.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper reads that account for last month, ballance due from him five hundred seventy five pagodas four fanams and twenty two cash (575–4–22) which is carried forward.

The gentlemen who are at present Justices of the Peace complaining that being but three in number besides the President it is become exceeding troublesome, as taking up great part of their time to hear the complaints among the inhabitants, a motion was made that Messrs. Eyre and Harris be sworn in as Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery, as being two of the five senior council now resident, upon which the charter being called for, and the clause for appointing Justices of the Peace being read, which says "That the Governour or President of Fort St. George and the five senior of the council according to their precedency there, for the time being shall be Justices

of the Peace." A doubt arose whether they ought to be sworn in before the case was stated home, which it is agreed to do in the next letter, and till we receive an answer it was agreed for the ease of the other Justices, that Messrs. Eyre and Harris have power to hear the complaints among the natives, and to order therein as they would have done if they had been sworn in as Justices of the Peace, and that they may also endeavour to reconcile any Europeans, between whom disputes may happen to arise, but that they do not imprison any subject of England or sit at the Quarter Sessions or act as Commissioners of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery, during the present doubt concerning the words of the charter.

Mr. Foxall having pursuant to order of the 8th instant, assayed the ten pagodas of the parcel received from Fort St. David the 7th reports them seventy three and a half touch, of which it is agreed to advise in our next letter thither.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—THOMAS EYRE—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR SEPTEMBER 1741 ARISE AS FOLLOWS :—

				P.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
Fort Marlborough—									
Allowance money to Raja Cooladeen and servants				10	0	0			
Paid Captain Goring's bill				235	4	0			
Dieting 6 Coffery's				6	0	0			
							251	4	0
Bombay Presidency—									
Paid the gunner and military per *Halifax* for this month				101	10	0			
Advanced do. for October				82	34	0			
Provisions for do. sent on board ship *Ceres* and sloop *Duke of Cumberland* ...				250	25	40			
							434	33	40
Charges general—									
Batta abroad and at home				... ..			41	8	0
Charges extraordinary—									
Paid for diet choultry prisoners this month.				1	24	0			
Paid the Marshall's note for dieting a lunatick soldier				2	0	0			
Allowance to Mr. Ackman's child ...				2	0	0			
House rent for Mr. Wynch				7	0	0			
Gave the Nabob's servant for bringing a present				3	10	0			
Gave Nazir Mulmulluck's servant Vizt. long cloth	2	0	0						
Provisions	17	19	0						
Rupees 160	46	23	10						
Dancing girls and country musick	10	0	0						
				76	6	10			
Allowance to 9 soldiers per *Wager* at 12 each	3	0	0						
Doctor's note for headmoney	10	0	0						
Kotts 9, Pags. 1–9 boat hire fns. 5	1	14	0						
				14	14	0			
Batta to 100 of the Peddanaigues peons ...				83	12	0			
							189	20	20
Fort St. David—									
Travelling charges allowed Mr. Wynch ...				......			10	0	0
Black Town wall—									
Materials used and workmen employed as per account particulars				......			1,031	35	62
Repairs of fortifications—									
Materials used and workmen employed as per account particulars				......			212	3	40
				Pags.			2,170	31	2

[Oct.] 30. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 26th instant.

November 1741.

1. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 27th ultimo.
2. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 30th ultimo.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

General letters from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David read vizt.

No. 107, dated the 26th ultimo in answer to ours of the 12th relating to their merchants' proposals for the investment and the computation of the difference between paying for the cloth in the Star and Allumparra pagodas, and in answer to our other of the 21st that they have repaired the *Carolina* sloop and with the first fresh should try to get her over the bar; that the people they sent to Porto Novo told them there was not water sufficient for her on that bar, and advising that Messrs. Graham and Holt having taken their seats in Council, the first was appointed Sea and Land Customer at Cuddalore, the latter Storekeeper.

No. 108, dated the 27th ultimo advising their having given cowles for their arrack farm and measuring duty on the same terms as they were last let for, and that offers had been made them for renting their beetle and tobacco farm at twelve hundred pagodas per annum.

No. 109, dated the 30th ultimo desiring a speedy supply of Star pagodas, of which it is agreed to send them ten thousand (10,000) over land on Wednesday next.

The two other letters just now read being taken into consideration, a draught of a letter in answer to them is agreed on.

The President reads the cash account for last month, the ballance remaining now compared with the cash chest, consisting of twenty six thousand eight hundred nineteen pagodas twenty one fanams and fifty cash, (26,819–21–50), of the new money; twenty five thousand seven hundred seventy five (25,775) pagodas of the old cash, and nineteen hundred eighty one (1,981) Madrass pagodas which is carried forward.

Agreed that three thousand five hundred (3,500) pagodas be advanced the Paymaster, for the charges of the running month; five hundred pagodas to the Export Warehousekeeper for the painters; and five thousand (5,000) pagodas of the old cash to Tellesinga Chitty and Nellamoota Comrapa on account of goods brought in by them.

John Savage, Rental General and Scavinger, pursuant to order of Consultation of the 8th ultimo delivers over to Mr. Johnson those accounts for the year ending the 31st August 1740, as entered hereafter the ballances whereof to be accounted for by Mr. Johnson are,

	P.	f.	c.
On the Rental General's account	1,507	31	0
On the Scavinger's account	113	0	7
In all Pags.	1,620	31	7

Ordered that Mr. Monson be of the Committee along with Mr. Morse to examine into the management of affairs upon the West Coast.

Nairo Cashava Chintomby Chitty and Anda Kistnama Chitty, ruby brokers attending deliver in another petition as entered hereafter, offering five hundred (500) pagodas per annum for that farm, or otherwise desiring that we would order some persons to act along with them in receiving the brokerage, the whole to be paid into the Company's cash and of which we might make them what allowance we thought proper for their trouble. Upon this it was remarked by the Board that before this duty was let to farm it produced for eight years together (650) six hundred and fifty pagodas per annum upon an average. To which the brokers replied that during those eight years there was a great trade to Pegue and there being no troubles in these southern provinces the jewelling trade was very considerable. At last the Board agreed with the brokers that they should pay five hundred (500) Pagodas per annum certain, though it should produce less, that they should deliver in their accounts every six months, and if the produce was more it should be paid to the Company deducting thereout what should be thought reasonable for their trouble and that this agreement should take place from the 10th June last, when the last year's rent became due, the renters having in July or August last delivered their first petition to the President, but who returned it to them then with orders to keep it by them till we were more at leisure to take their case into consideration.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—
THOMAS EYRE—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble petition of Nairo Cashava Chintomby Chitty and Anda Kistnama Chitty,

SHEWETH,

That your honour &ca. have been pleased to entertain your petitioners as brokers, and to grant them a cowle for the selling of rubies and other pecious stones (diamonds excepted) and receiving 1 per cent brokerage from the buyer and 2 per cent from the seller of such stones, since when your petitioners humbly beg leave to represent to your honour &ca. that for two years and upwards the Kingdom of Pegue as well as that of Dehly and all the country towns, comprehending the Moorish government, have been troubled with wars, harassed and plundered by the Indian enemies whereupon no rubies imported from Pegue, and the jewelling trade greatly declined on that account and your petitioners enjoyed little or no benefit of the brokerage. However, they duely paid in the Hon'ble Company's cash one year's ruby brokerage by mortgaging their effects for that purpose in hopes that the ensuing year would prove more successfull; but to the contrary it still continues in the same condition, and your petitioners finding themselves unable to pay and discharge the other year and odd months' brokerage already due make this humble application to your honour &ca. requesting that in consideration of the matters above recited your honour &ca. would be pleased to indulge your petitioners so far as to reduce the annual rent of 800 Pags. to 500 Pags. to be paid to your Hon'ble Company or otherwise your honour &ca. will be pleased to order a conicoply and a peon to attend your petitioners for receiving whatever brokerage there is to be got from the seller and buyer of rubies and other precious stones in this town, and your petitioners beg your honour &ca. would be further pleased to bestow on them for their attending the sales of the same an allowance out of what money may be received for ruby brokerage, your honour &ca's favourable complyance in this your petitioners request. For which they as in duty bound shall ever pray.

The Hon'ble United Company's new cash

Dr.		Per Contra.	*Cr.*
1. To ballance brought from last month's account	44,279 17 32	8. By Nicolas Morse, Paymaster, advanced him for the charges of the running month	5,000 0 0
8. To John Savage, Rentall General, received on account of quit-rents.	300 0 0	By Nicolas Morse, Export Warehousekeeper, advanced him for the painters	1,000 0 0
19. To William Monson, Land Customer, received the ballance of that account for last month	459 30 22	By sloop *Delphin*, paid Mr. Hubbard's executors for her	300 0 0
26. To Randall Fowke, Sea-customer, received in part the ballance of that account for last month ..	2,111 28 0	12. By Linga Chitty advanced him more to provide Madrass pagodas at 100 for 110 Star pagodas	5,000 0 0
To Richard Benyon, Mint Master, received the ballance of that account for last month	23 7 35	By Teremungalum Comrapa and Permall, advanced them to provide goods	5,000 0 0
To John Savage, Rental General, received on account of quitrents.	350 0 0	19. By Pondaram &ca. managers for Chindadree Pettah, advanced them for goods brought in ...	5,000 0 0
29. To William Monson, Storekeeper received in part the ballance of that account for last month ...	930 0 0	26. By Madrass pagodas for the mint September ballance	23 0 0
To Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramoney Chitty, beetle and tobacco farmers, received one month's rent due the 5th. instant.	833 12 0	29. By Nicolas Morse, Paymaster, paid the ballance of that account for last month	1,450 0 0
To Ram Chundra and Gaunapah Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence, received one month's rent due the 5th. instant.	335 0 0		22,773 1 39
		31. By ballance carried to next month's account	26,819 21 50
Pags ...	49,592 23 9	ags. ...	49,592 23 9

The Hon'ble United Company's old cash

Dr.		Per Contra.	*Cr.*
1. To ballance brought from last month's account	22,422 0 0	31. By ballance carried to next month's account	25,775 0 0
7. To Fort St. David, received back from thence	3,353 0 0		
Pagodas ...	25,775 0 0		

Madrass Pagodas

Dr.		Per Contra.	*Cr.*
1. To ballance brought from last month's account	1,958 0 0	31. By ballance carried to next month's account	1,981 0 0
26. To the Hon'ble Company's (new) cash for the mint September ballance.	23 0 0		
Pags ...	1,981 0 0		

Errors Excepted.

RICHARD BENYON.

John Savage, Rental General.

Dr.			*Cr.*
31. To the amount of the rent roll for the year endidg 31st. August 1740	2,224 31 0	8. By the Honourable Company's cash paid in	300 0 0
		26. By the Honourable Company's cash paid in	350 0 0
		31. By servant's wages from 1st September 1740 to 31st. August 1741.	67 0 0
		By William Johnson, Rental General, for the ballance to be accounted for by him	1,507 31 0
		Pags. ...	2,224 31 0

Fort St. George,
31st October 1741.

Errors Excepted

per JOHN SAVAGE,
Rental General.

Dr.	John Savage, Scavinger.			*Cr.*
31. To the amount of the roll for the year ending the 31st. August 1740	970 0 0	31. By servants wages from 1st. September 1740 to 31st. August 1741.	312 30 53	
		By tour and straw for feeding the buffaloes from 1st September 1740 to 31st. August 1741 ...	309 21 0	
		By buffaloes bought, mending carts and other incident charges ...	114 20 20	
		By Scavinger's allowance for 12 months ending 31st. August 1741.	120 0 0	
			856 35 73	
		By William Johnson, Scavinger, for the ballance to be accounted for by him	113 0 7	
		Pags. ...	970 0 0	

Fort St. George
31st. October 1741

Errors Excepted

per JOHN SAVAGE,
Scavinger.

[Nov.] 3. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

4. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date and a supply of cash.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1741.

MR. HARRIS *Sick*

Last Consultation read and signed.

Linga Chitty pays in five thousand (5,000) Madrass pagodas in part of what agreed for with him the 28th September and 12th October.

Having received no advice from Fort St. David that the sloop *Carolina* is yet got into the sea and beleiving that cannot now be effected till the next springs, the Board are of opinion that as there rarely happens any blowing weather after the middle of this month, there will be no occasion to send her either to Porto Novo or Jaffanapatam, but that with the proper precaution she may ride securely in the road at St. David's. Agreed therefore to send directions to Fort St. David accordingly.

The President and Council of Fort William having advised of a deficiency of 16 mds. 18 seer 4 chitk in the weight of the tutanague sent them by the *Narcissus*, as per their letter dated 6th March 1738/9 the cost of which amounts to Pags. 73–27 which money has not yet been received from Captain Maul, who is since dead, and the President having some money in his hands belonging to his estate offers to pay in the said seventy three pagodas twenty seven fanams, if the Board will indemnify him for the same. Agreed therefore to receive it into cash and upon that condition.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—
THOMAS EYRE—WILLIAM JOHNSON

[Nov.] 5. Received by peons from Maddepollam two general letters of the 2d ultimo.

Recevied by peons from Ingeram two general letters of the 23rd and 28th September.

6. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 3d instant.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed. General letters read Vizt.

Nos. 110 and 111, both from Mr. Prince at Ingeram the 1st a duplicate of what wrote us by the *George*, dated the 23rd September containing his merchants' complaints at being confined to the provision of ordinary cloth only; inclosing invoice and bill of lading for cloth shipped by him on the *George*, and desiring another assistant in the room of Mr. Andrews who chuses to stay at Maddepollam pursuant to the liberty given him from hence. The other dated the 28th September acknowledging the receipt of the stores sent him on the *George*, and desiring the account of the sortment of the betteelas he sent up last year.

Nos. 112 and 113, both from Mr. Hallyburton at Maddepollam, dated the 2d ultimo. The first accompanying the books of that Residency for the last year telling us he cannot judge how much cloth may be ready at Maddepollam by Christmas, but that he has reason to beleive the chay goods providing at Metchlepatam will be ready in due time, advising of a bill of exchange drawn by him on account of the chay goods and that he proposes to draw another on account of the Maddepollam investment. The other advising of the *George's* having sprung a leak and put into that road, and that the season being too far advanced to dispatch her hither he should take out the Company's bales and get her into the river.

No. 114, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 3d instant recommending an offer of Sadashavarow and Irzapah Chitty to take the beetle and tobacco farm for 5 years at 1,500 pagodas per annum; inclosing their monthly papers for September and Consultations and cash accounts for last month.

William Johnson, Rental General, pays in three hundred and fifty (350) pagodas on account of quitrents.

The Storekeeper requesting 100 candy of saltpetre for making gunpowder the Export Warehousekeeper is ordered to deliver it him.

As we shall be in want of Madrass pagodas for the northern settlements soon, the Board took into consideration the provision of the same, and being of opinion from some late abuses in the Allumparra minters that we shall be able to buy Allumparra pagodas with our Star money cheaper than by sending the country money to be coined there, it was agreed to put the ballance of the old money (being 15,825 pagodas, exclusive of 4,950 Allumparra pagodas) into the mint to be coined into Madrass pagodas.

Agreed that six thousand nine hundred (6,900) Madrass pagodas be remitted to Mr. Hallyburton by bill of exchange on the house of Bookenjee Coshedos at Metchlepatam and that the said sum together with one and a half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) per cent for the charge of remittance be paid to his gomastah here.

Agreed to write Mr. Hallyburton that after the receipt of the said money and having reserved so much as is wanted in his own investment he send the rest to Ingeram.

The President acquaints the Board that soon after the late sale of lead Meer Assad wrote to Coja Petrus for one hundred candy, and there not being much remaining in the warehouse, the President had sent to two of the buyers to relinquish their purchase of that quantity; but Meer Assad not having yet sent for it, ordered that the Import Warehousekeeper who in his account has entered the whole quantity as sold, debt his next month's account for that 100 Candy as so much bought.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

[Nov.] 10. Received by patamar from Surat a general letter of the 25th September.

12. Sent by peons general letters of this date to Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Maddepollam.

14. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 9th instant.

15. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 12th instant.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed. General letters read Vizt.

No. 115, from the Chief and Council at Surat dated the 25th September, advising their having received and forwarded our packets for Bombay, the arrival of the *Nassau, Fort St. George* and *Onslow* from Great Britain, that the *Nassau* was sailed for the Bay, and the *Fort St. George* was to be dispatched for England about the middle of October.

Nos. 116 and 117, both from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David. The first dated the 9th instant replying to what we wrote them the 2d and 6th instant on the subject of their investment, concerning the sloop *Carolina*, the cause of the beetle and tobacco's being as dear after the duties were taken off as before, the encouraging a number of weavers to settle in their bounds and the regulations respecting the military. The other dated the 12th instant acknowledging the receipt of the money sent them the 4th and enclosing the account particulars of the presents sent from thence to the Moratta Generals.

An answer to the foregoing letters from Fort St. David agreed on and to permit the Deputy Governour and Council to let out their beetle and tobacco farm on the terms offered.

Agreed also that the four thousand nine hundred and fifty Allumparra pagodas we have in cash be sent to St. Davids as soon as the weather clears up.

Linga Chitty pays in three thousand one hundred eighty one Madrass pagodas thirty two fanams (3,181–32) in full for the nine thousand current pagodas advanced him to provide them the 28th September and 12th ultimo.

Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, reads that account for last month Vizt.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Custom on goods	2,499	30	8
Do. on grain	37	0	68
Anchorage	61	0	0
Pagodas	2,597	30	76

ballance due from him seven thousand eight hundred fifty one pagodas thirty three fanams and forty four cash (7,851–33–44) of which he now pays in two thousand and ninety one (2,091) pagodas.

The Accomptant reads the journal parcels for the month of September.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—
THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

[Nov.] 19. Sent by peons to Fort St. David two letters of this date.

„ 20. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a supply of Allumparra pagodas, and a letter of this date.

„ 21. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 17th instant.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed. General letter No. 118, from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David of the 17th instant read desiring a further supply of ten thousand (10,000) Star pagodas, which it is agreed to send them overland this evening; and the Secretary is ordered to advise them thereof.

The President reads the mint account current for last month, ballance remaining in the mint forty thousand five hundred and twelve (40,512) doodoes, and fifteen thousand and sixty four rupees eight annas (15,064-8-0) which are carried forward, due from the mint twenty three Madrass pagodas, nine fanams and thirty cash (23-9-30) which he now pays in.

Nicolas Morse, Export Warehousekeeper, reads that account for last month, ballance due from him two hundred seventy seven pagodas twenty three fanams and eight cash (277–23–8) which is carried forward.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, reads that account for last month ballance due from him eight thousand two hundred forty two pagodas fourteen fanams and forty cash (8,242–14–40) of which he now pays in eight thousand one hundred and forty pagodas twenty four fanams (8,140–24–0).

William Monson, Storekeeper, reads that account for last month, ballance due from him eight hundred eighty four pagodas twenty two fanams and eleven cash (884–22–11) which is continued in his hands towards paying for saltpetre delivered him out of the warehouse.

William Monson, Land Customer, reads that account for last month Vizt.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Choultry customs	329	21	49
Registring slaves	0	16	0
Pagodas	330	1	49

ballance due from him three hundred seventeen pagodas eleven fanams and forty nine cash (317–11–49) which he now pays in.

Nicolas Morse, Paymaster, reads that account for last month Vizt.

	Pags.	fns.	c.
Charges garrison	2,514	27	64
Charges cattle	66	24	0
Charges diet	583	12	0
Charges extraordinary	157	0	0
Charges hospital	51	1	40
Nabob's expences	3,634	23	54
Cattle	250	0	0
Fort Marlborough	16	30	0
Fort St. David	20	0	0
Charges general	526	28	78
Black Town wall	909	32	47
Repairs of fortifications	98	12	50
Pagodas	8,829	13	13

ballance due to him one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine pagodas thirteen fanams and thirteen cash (1,759–13–13), which is now paid him.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in his account are entered hereafter.

The Paymaster having acquainted the Board at a former Consultation that one of the state horses being old and lame he was offered seventy pagodas for it, which he was then ordered to accept, and to buy another which he was offered for two hundred and fifty pagodas, but being omitted to be entered then is now incerted here.

Nairo Cashava Chintomby Chitty and Anda Kistnama Chitty, farmers of the ruby brokerage pay in eight hundred (800) pagodas for one year's rent of that cowle due the 10th June last.

Tonta Vencataish, farmer of the butteca rent and shroff duty, pays in two hundred and five (205) pagodas for six months rent of that cowle due the 30th April last.

Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmer of the paddy fields and salt pans, pays in seven hundred and ten (710) pagodas for one year's rent due the 21st May last.

Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chitty, beetle and tobacco farmers pay in eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (833–12–0) for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Ram Chundra and Gaunapah Moodelaire farmers of the arrack and wine licence pay in three hundred thirty five (335) pagodas for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

As we beleive there will be more Allumparra pagodas wanted soon for Fort St. David, Linga Chitty was ordered to provide ten thousand in town and the

President was desired to advance him the Star pagodas as he should call for them to purchase the same.

The President acquaints the Board that the Moors' feast Ramezan, being on the 29th of this month he was advised that it would be very proper to send a present to the Nabob's lady (a list of which he now delivers in, as entered hereafter) and as we doubt not the Nabob will in due time consider the expence we have been at by the reception of him and his family here and the several marks of respect we have shown them. It was agreed that the several things mentioned in the list be provided and sent to the Nabob's house at such times as the President shall think proper.

Agreed also to send a small present to Imaum Saib's family who are still in town agreable to the list hereafter.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR OCTOBER 1741, ARISE AS FOLLOWS.

	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Fort Marlborough—						
Allowance to Rajah Cooladeen and servants ...	10	0	0			
Dieting six Coffries	6	30	0			
				16	30	0
Charges general—						
Batta abroad and at home	...		...	27	32	0
Cattle—						
Paid for a Persia horse	...		...	250	0	0
Nabob's expences—						
Paid them as per account particulars	...		...	3,634	23	54
Charges extraordinary—						
Paid the Marshall's note for dieting a lunatick soldier	2	0	0			
Dieting choultry prisoners	1	10	40			
Allowance to Mr. Ackman's child	2	0	0			
House rent for Mr. Wynch	7	0	0			
Gave a peon for bringing a letter from Tritchanopoly	1	16	40			
Gave a peon for bringing a present from Imaum Sahib	2	33	0			
Paid for listing six soldiers	2	0	0			
Gave the military as usual against the 5th November.	5	0	0			
Paid Messrs Eyre and Harris's travelling charges and bringing goods &ca. from Fort St. David ...	50	0	0			
Batta to 100 of the Pedda Naigue's peons	83	12	0			
				157	0	0
Black Town wall—						
Materials used and workmen employed as per account particulars ...				909	32	47
Repairs of fortifications—						
Materials used and workmen employed as per account particulars ...				98	12	50
Pagodas ...				5,094	22	71

LIST OF SUNDRIES DESIGNED FOR A PRESENT.

For the Nabob's lady and Sahib Jadda.

Gold flowered carpets	2	
Fine mulmuls	6	pieces.
Fine doreas	6	do.
Fine charconnas	6	do.
Mackmally pelongs	5	do.
Mulchure do.	6	do.
Gold atlass do.	2	do.
Persia jeerbobs	2	do.
An Otterdanny, philligry	......	
A pair of rosewater bottles, with plates, philligry	......	

One pair of looking glasses with silver bindings ... ...
Sugar, sugar candy and Persia fruit...
Fine jamdannies ... ... 2 lbs.
The value of the above may be about 700 Pags.

For Imaum Sahib's daughter.

One silk carpet ... ...
Two pieces of mulmuls ... ...
Two pieces of doreas ... ...
Two pieces of charconnaes ... ...
Two pieces of jamdannies ... ...
Two pieces of mulmully pelongs ... ...
Two pieces of muluchure do. ... ...
Three pieces fine betteelas jemewars... ... ...
Two stiched coverlets ... ...
Sugar, sugar candy and Persia fruit... ... ...
The value of the above may be about 130 Pags.

[Nov.] 23. Sent by peons to Fort St. David two general letters of this date, and a supply of Star pagodas.

DECEMBER.

1. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 28th ultimo.
4. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 30th ultimo.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

The President reads the cash account for last month, ballance remaining now compared with the cash chest of the new cash ten thousand nine hundred and sixteen pagodas thirty four fanams and thirty six cash (10,916-34-36), the old cash four thousand eight hundred and seventy (4,870) Allumparra pagodas, and three thousand one hundred and eighty two (3,182) Madrass pagodas, which is carried forward.

Agreed that five thousand (5,000) Pags. be advanced the Paymaster for the charges of the running month, and fifteen hundred (1,500) pagodas to the Export Warehousekeeper for the painters.

General letters No. 119 and 120, both from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David read, the first dated the 28th ultimo, acknowledging the receipt of the supplies of Star and Allumparra pagodas last sent them advising that they should let the beetle and tobacco farm agreable to our permission. The other dated the 30th ultimo desiring a supply of fifteen thousand Allumparra Pags. upon which the President acquainted the Board that Linga Chitty having purchased four thousand eight hundred and seventy (4,870) Allumparra pagodas in part of the ten thousand ordered last Consultation at 121¾ for 100 Star pagodas came, and acquainted him on Saturday evening that advices were just come from Arcot, that the Nabob intended to reform the state of the country coin, and for that purpose had given orders to stop the coinage of gold in all the country mints, which if true would greatly affect the currency of all the country money, and therefore desired to know if he should receive any other directions, and the President having referred him to the Board, the same is now taken into consideration and agreed that Linga Chitty do not buy any more Allumparra pagodas till further orders, and that the 4,870 already bought be sent to Fort St. David this evening.

William Johnson, Rental General, pays in three hundred (300) pagodas on account of quitrents.

Tomby Chitty and his partners pay in five thousand four hundred (5,400) pagodas in part of their old debt.

Molinga Kistna pays in five thousand (5,000) and Ponapa Chitty three thousand (3,000) pagodas in part of the ballance of their respective accounts.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—
THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

The Hon'ble Company's Cash (New).

	Dr. P.	f.	c.
1. To ballance brought from last month's account	26,819	21	50
2. To Bengall Presidency received of Richard Benyon Esqr. as per Consultation of this date, for a deficiency in the weight of tutanague sent thither on the *Narcissus* as per the general letter from thence of the 6th March 1738/9 Bengall Mds. 16 18 seer 4 chitk cost as per invoice from hence	73	27	0
9. To William Johnson, Rental General, received of him on account of quit rents	350	0	0
16. To Linga Chitty received of him in full for the 9000 Star Pagodas advanced him the 28th September and 12th ultimo Mss. ...	3,181	32	0
To Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, received in part the ballance of that account for last month ...	2,091	0	0
23. To William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper, received in part the ballance of that account for last month.	8,140	24	0
To William Monson, Land Customer, received the ballance of that account for last month	317	11	49
To Nairo Cashava Chin Tomby Chitty and Anda Kistnama Chitty, farmers of the ruby brokerage, received one year's rent due the 10th June.	800	0	0
To Tonta Vencataish, farmer of the butteca rent and shroff duty, received 6 months' rent due the 30th April last.	205	0	0
To Gaunapah Moodelaire, farmer of the paddy fields and salt pans received one year's rent due the 21st May last	710	0	0
To Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chitty, beetle and tobacco farmers received one month's rent due the 5th instant.	833	12	0
To Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence, received one month's rent due the 5th instant.	335	0	0
To Richard Benyon Esqr. Mintmaster received the ballance of that account for last month ...	23	9	30
Pagodas ...	43,880	29	49

Contra.	*Cr.* P.	f.	c.
2. By Nicolas Morse, Paymaster, advanced him for the running month.	3,500	0	0
By Nicolas Morse, Export Warehousekeeper, advanced him for the painters.	500	0	0
4. By Fort St. David sent thither overland	10,000	0	0
16. By Madrass pagodas, for what received of Linga Chitty as per Contra	3,181	0	0
By Madrass pagodas, lent that account to pay Boocunjee Coshedos	0	18	0
23. By Fort St. David sent thither overland	10,000	0	0
By Madrass pagodas for the mint October ballance	23	0	0
24. By Linga Chitty, advanced him to provide Allumparra pagodas for Fort St. David by order of Consultation yesterday	4,000	0	0
By Nicolas Morse, Paymaster paid the ballance of that account for last month.	1,759	13	13
	32,963	31	13
30. By ballance carried to next month's account	10,916	34	36
Pags. ...	43,880	29	49

The Hon'ble Company's (Old) Cash.

	Dr.		
1. To ballance brought from last month's account	25,775	0	0
30 To Linga Chitty received of him in return for Star Pagodas advanced him the 24th instant. Allumparra	4,000	0	0
To batta, received of Linga Chitty the difference on the 4000 Star Pagodas advanced him the 24th being 21¾ per cent.	870	0	0
Old Pags ...	30,645	0	0

Contra.	*Cr.*		
2. By Telesinga Chitty and Nellamoota Comrapa advanced them for goods brought in	5,000	0	0
9. By Linga Chitty delivered him to coin into Madrass Pags. as per Consultation	15,825	0	0
20. By Fort St. David sent thither overland. Allumparra ...	4,950	0	0
	25,775	0	0
30. By ballance carried to next month's account	4,870	0	0
Old Pags. ...	30,645	0	0

Dr. Madrass Pagodas. *Cr.*

1	To ballance brought from last month's account	1,981	0 0
5.	To Linga Chitty received of him in part for the 9000 Star Pagodas advanced him the 28th September and 12th October	5,000	0 0
16.	To the Hon'ble Company's (new) Cash, borrowed of it ...	0	18 0
	To the Hon'ble Company's (new cash) for what received this day of Linga Chitty	3,181	0 0
23.	To the Hon'ble Company's (new) Cash for the mint October ballance	23	0 0
	Pags. ...	10,185	18 0

12.	By Maddepollam factory, paid Boocunjee Coshedos' gomastah for a bill of exchange on his house at Metchlepatam payable to Mr. Hallyburton ...	6,900	0 0
16.	By Maddepollam factory paid Bocunjee Cosedos's gomastah the $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the above bill of exchange for charge of remittance -	103	18 0
30.	By ballance carried to next month's account	3,182	0 0
	Pags. ...	10,135	18 0

Errors excepted per RICHARD BENYON.

[Dec.] 7. Sent by peons to Fort St. David two letters of this date and a supply of Allumparra pagodas.

8. Received by peons from Maddepollam a general letter of the 16th ultimo.

9. Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 5th instant.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1741.

Mr. Morse, *sick.*

Last Consultation read and signed.

General letters read vizt.

No. 121, from Mr. Hallyburton at Maddepollam, dated the lυth ultimo acknowledging the receipt of ours of the 3d October, advising the *George's* having lost an anchor in stormy weather, that she was not got into the river till the 10th November, and that he expected to get her out again soon after the full moon in December.

No. 122, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 5th instant, advising what they had done in complyance with the regulations for the military and that they had received into cash the produce of Mr. Borlace Stacey's effects, desiring our directions about paying some demands on his estate and inclosing their monthly papers for October and Consultations and cash account for last month.

The said demands on Mr. Stacey's estate, appearing to be just it is agreed to permit them to be paid off.

The gentlemen at Fort St. David having in their letter of the 30th past, desired a supply of fifteen thousand Allumparra pagodas, of which no more than 4,870 was sent them the 7th instant for the reasons mentioned last Consultation. Agreed to send them tomorrow ten thousand, (10,000) Star pagodas; to tell them our reasons for the same, that they are now at liberty to employ them in the other parts of their investment as well as at Salem, and that we hope they will be able to get the cloth cheaper in proportion to the money.

The Assaymaster acquaints the Board that since the coinage of the Star pagodas the undertakers in a hurry of business are frequently obliged to deliver out gold both for Madrass and Star pagodas to the goldsmiths at the same time, who without great care, may sometimes either mix the bullets before they are stamped or inadvertently stamp the Star pagodas with the Madrass chop or die, and proposes to the Board that in future a surveyor may be appointed in the mint whose sole business may be to attend the melting and working of the gold coinage, which he is of opinion will greatly prevent the above casualties, or any designed abuse or adulteration in the Honourable Company's coin.

Which proposal of the Assaymaster's being agreed to, he recommends one Ramah, a person long used to the practice of the mint, who was accordingly accepted and a salary of two (2) pagodas a month agreed to be paid him, to be charged in the mint accounts.

There being a great want of doodoes in the bazar, ordered that the Import Warehousekeeper purchase five (5) candy of copper and deliver it into the mint to be coined.

Linga Chitty pays in ten thousand (10,000) Madrass pagodas in part of the produce of the old money delivered him the 9th ultimo.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—WILLIAM MONSON—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

[Dec.] 14. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a letter of this date.

15. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a supply of Star pagodas and two general letters of this date.

CONSULTATION, MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

General letter No. 123, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 13th instant read, acquainting us their merchants cannot take any more Allumparra pagodas, but are willing to receive Star pagodas for cloth already brought in by them at twenty 20 per cent discount on the Allumparra.

Agreed that a supply of ten thousand (10,000) Star pagodas be sent overland to Fort St. David tomorrow.

Mr. Cornelius Goodwin being chosen Mayor of this Corporation for the ensuing year attends the Board, and takes the oaths of allegiance and office, as does also Mr. Matthew Empson elected Sheriff in the room of Mr. John Graham.

The Committee for affairs on the West Coast deliver in, as now read and entered hereafter, their report thereof, with their remarks on the several steps taken by the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlborough, in the management of them and on the books and papers received from thence by the *Princess Augusta*, which is ordered to be transmitted to the Deputy Governour and Council for their observation.

The Accomptant desiring the directions of the Board about the freight to be allowed the *Princess Augusta*, he is ordered to credit her with two thousand (2,000) pagodas for every trip to and from the West Coast.

Report of Messrs. Morse and Monson who were appointed a committee to examine into the complaints of the bag, bamboo and head cooleys, read as entered hereafter, which being taken into consideration, it was agreed to allow them the following rates for the Company's goods vizt.

From the Gentue pagoda in the Black Town to the granary on the island for every garce of rice and paddy, fans.	20
From Middle Gate point to the said granary	14
From the Gentue pagoda or further in the Black Town to the godown by the school	10
From Middle Gate point to the said godown	7
From the sea side to the inclosure on the island, for every boat load of goods, wares and stores.	3
From the sea side to the godowns in the White Town, each boat load ...	2

For carrying cloth from the merchants' godowns to the sorting godown and attendance there, each cooley per day 1, which we doubt not they will be satisfied with, though it be less than is paid by merchants and others in town. But for the particular complaint of the bamboo cooleys for some further allowance more than they receive at present for carrying the Company's guns, anchors, grapnols, cordage and the like to the inclosure on the island, the consideration of that was deferred.

Nicholas Morse, Export Warehousekeeper, reads that account for last month ballance due from him three hundred thirty four pagodas fourteen fanams and seventy six cash (334-14-76) which is carried forward.

William Monson, Import Warehousekeeper reads that account for last month, ballance due from him six thousand seven hundred forty eight pagodas twenty three fanams and sixty three cash (6,748-23-63) of which he now pays in six thousand (6,000) pagodas.

The Paymaster requesting a further advance for the disbursements of the running month three thousand (3,000) pagodas are now paid him.

William Monson, Storekeeper, reads that account for last month, ballance due to him two hundred eighty four pagodas five fanams and sixty one cash (284-5-61) which is now paid him.

He also delivers in the account remains of stores the 30th of last month, which are now interchangeably signed by him and Mr. Harris who pursuant to order of Consultation of the 29th October took charge of the employ the 1st instant.

He at the same time lays before the Board the account remains in the Import Warehouse the 30th November, which with the storehouse account remains are ordered to lye on the table to guide us in forming those indents to England for 1743.

The sloop *Dolphin* having but a single bottom and it being necessary to have her sheathed before she goes to the West Coast, the storekeeper is ordered to give directions to the Europe carpenter to set about it forthwith.

RICHARD BENYON—RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have read over the several letters and papers received from Fort Marlborough by the *Bedford* to Bengall, and the *Princess Augusta* directly from thence. What we have observed therein we shall offer to your honour &ca. under the usual heads.

FIRST SHIPPING.

The *Duke* having remained at Benjar till the beginning of July, was in that time able to procure only one thousand nine hundred and twenty, (1,920) peculs of pepper and that of a sort so bad as to lose six per cent on regarbling; as they found they could not dispatch her from thence to the Malabar coast before the end of September they judged it more for the Company's interest to send her directly to Europe least by a long passage to that coast, or disappointment of a cargo on her arrival there the term of her charter party might have expired. She accordingly sailed for Europe the 31st January with fifty tons surplus pepper, as they had enough besides on hand for a latter ship, which however by the *Edgebaston's* not arriving, they had not an opportunity of sending to Europe that season. That ship was loaded with a design to be dispatched in August for England and we presume with the assistance of salt petre from Bengall, they will be able to give the *London* and *Royal George* their full loadings.

The circumstances of affairs on that coast, by the want of boats and scarcity of grain, obliged them to keep the *Princess Augusta* employed there this year in bringing pepper from the several settlements, rice and other necessaries from Batavia in which she has been of particular service to them. It took up some time to refit her after that accident of being set on fire by lightning, that she could not be dispatched before the first of July. Then they judged it proper to wait till near the end of that month in expectation of ship from Europe with advices. Whenever there does not appear a necessity for detaining a ship, we think they should be returned as early in June as possible, that they may be employed on this coast or to Bengall, as the service may require; otherwise if they meet with a long passage their arriving late does endanger their getting to Bengall or other harbour on this side to ride out the monsoon.

The many accidents that have attended the boats sent to bring pepper from the rivers, have occasioned the hire of them now to be very difficult, as few owners can be prevailed upon to let them for that service. By what we can judge they will be under a necessity hereafter of employing only the Company's vessels that way; they seem at present to be very ill provided with sloops, having only two small ones, and they often complaining, that now bought must be acceptable to them and particularly the boats wrote for to Bombay.

Secondly, Goods from Europe and Fort St George.

As they do not expect any salt from Java for some time, they desire some may be sent them from hence by every opportunity, and twenty garce of rice they stand in great need of, the five hundred bags your honour &ca. have desired to be put on board the *London* will we hope be with them in good time, since the accident that has happened to the *George* has prevented their receiving a more early supply.

The arrack works on the island of Java being destroyed, Mr. Stirling in his voyage to Batavia on the *Princess Augusta* could not procure any for the service of their settlement, to satisfy the military and slaves in the present want of it, they have allowed each man on duty half a dollar per month and a buffaloe each week extraordinary to the slaves. We think it will be necessary however to send them some arrack either Goa or Columbo as soon as possible, for they now get only brown toddy or such like liquors the use of which must be very prejudicial to their healths, and a further consideration is a loss by the licence which usually produced one hundred and thirty dollars per month.

Thirdly, Investment; Fourthly, Country Government.

They have succeeded so far this year at Pulo Pisang as to purchase there seventy four bahar of pepper. But no harbour being on that island, the navigation is very dangerous and getting pepper off is attended with great difficulty.

Agreable to orders they have appointed Residents at Ippue, Tallue and Manna, which we are persuaded will have the good effect in encouraging the natives to multiply their plantations, as the people in general seem well disposed so to do, and there is a likelihood of a great deal of pepper being brought to the scales this year.

Siddee Ibrahim has alarmed them, having in March last renewed his hostilities and then entered the country with about two hundred and fifty men, and entrenched themselves at a place called Seenyan up Singlemoon river, where he was attacked by a party of Europeans and Buggasses; but the former not being supported by the others when they had bravely gained the first entrenchment they were repulsed with the loss of a serjeant and two men. The gentlemen there finding it would take up some time, and that the Europeans were most of them sickly judged it best to recall them, and leave the enterprize to Buggasses and Mallays; soon after Siddee Ibrahim by the favour of a dark night made his escape and retreated beyond the hills from whence we find they expect his return. They have therefore posted guards in different places to prevent any mischief he might do the pepper plantations, of which there seems to have been extreme good care taken, as none have suffered by him this last skirmish, neither do we find any of the Mallays have joined him except those who formerly went off with him. Yet the gentlemen seem to think they can have no dependance on the natives to make a hearty opposition, as religeon may lead them rather to espouse his part. We will allow that may have a strong influence on them, yet sure their zeal will be somewhat moderated on remembrance of what they suffered through his means some years ago and make them cautious of plunging themselves again into such misery to concur in the designs of a wicked priest, whose actions they must be sensible, cannot be derived from any religious motive. Many of the Malays have now large and good plantations, and for many years enjoyed that liberty and security which they cannot hope for by an exchange or entering into his measures. We apprehend therefore these present advantages will be valued at a higher rate than to part with them for any thing they can expect under Siddee Ibrahim's banners, or from the vain promises he can make them. As they, therefore, cannot profit by going over to him and taking the chance of his fortune, it appears to us unlikely that they should rise in his favour. It will no doubt be very prudent to keep a constant eye over them, as they are a people naturally treacherous and vindictive, and by indulging that passion too much inclined to occasion troubles, even in the most peaceable times. As for Siddee Ibrahim, we are of opinion he ought either to be destroyed or drove out of the country at all events, though it

is probable there will not be wanting persons after him to keep the country alarmed, as there is great reason to apprehend he is a tool or emissary of persons to whom it is no small concern to hear of the flourishing state of the plantations, and who hope by these sinister practices to put a stop thereto.

Some of the people belonging to the eight Dusans we observe have desired liberty to return, and have been admitted upon the terms of being settled in different parts of the country, agreable to what your honour &ca. proposed in last letter, whilst others had only amused the gentlemen with messages, whom they beleived would not come on any other terms than to be restored to their former habitations, which we are of opinion ought by no means to be suffered, but that strangers ought rather to repeople that country, since the former inhabitants have always been dependant on, and devoted to that arch-villain, ever ripe for mischief and full of sedition, and that part being so near the fort, may one time or other give them an opportunity to put in execution some of their evil designs.

The measures taken with Pangaran Jumat and the person said to be the Sultan of Marangcobason, we think are very proper.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS AND REVENUES

Having now got three bricklayers from Batavia and a good quantity of bricks ready they propose to set about building Moco Moco house though they represent they lay under the want of a person skillfull to lay out the work. The Italian Padre whom they mention to have some knowledge that way and to whom they made a proposal to stay is now returning and will be able to give them some assistance, and having interrogated him on what they have wrote the Court of Directors concerning the black Christians at Goa, who are skilfull workmen, and he judged would be glad to reside on the West Coast, he acquaints us that when he made that report to the gentlemen there, those people at Goa were then in distress, being driven out of Marmagon Salset by the Morattas. But the Viceroy being arrived with forces from Europe, and a peace concluded between the Portuguese and Morattas they are returned to their habitations, and may now probably not be disposed to remove. Nevertheless he would write to the Superiour of his Order at Goa to endeavour to procure a number of workmen for the service of the Company, and as that gentleman has resided on the West Coast himself, he may be sooner induced to further such assistance and the people more ready to hearken to his proposals.

They represent it would be very necessary to erect a fortification at Manna in which we join in opinion with them, and is what was intimated to them several years ago, but without a number of workmen we cannot see how such a work can be effected there, as we presume it will take some years to finish the factory at Moco Moco. However, it will not be amiss to provide ready a number of bricks for that purpose, and in the meantime dig a moat according to the plan now offer'd to your honour &ca. and with the earth that is dug out, form breastworks on the scarp thereof; these covered with green turf will render them proof against the rains and be a tolerable good defence for some time.

The houses at Manna, Polly and Ippue are compleated, and they are preparing materials for those of Bentall, Cattown, and Tallue, and the barracks at the Fort are tiled, the terrass having been leaky, and no person that understood how to repair it.

SIXTHLY, MILITARY, COMPANY'S SERVANTS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

The supply of men sent from England by the *Bedford* to the number of fifty, are all detained at St. Helena. If the gentlemen of Bengall should not have sent upon the *London* the twenty men your honour &ca. desired for that settlement it will be highly necessary to send as many as can be conveniently spared from hence.

The ship having not brought over the general books ending 1741 is the reason we do not as usual lay before your honour &ca. our remarks on the accounts of Fort Marlborough.

We have only to subscribe ourselves with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs,
Your most obedient humble servants,

Fort St. George,
21st December, 1741. NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Agreable to your directions for inquiring into the complaints of the cooleys on account of their pay, we have at several times had before us the heads of those distinguished by the different names of bag, bamboo and head cooleys, and fully heard what they had to offer, which we shall now lay before you, beginning with those of the bag cooleys. They urge that what they receive from the Company for carrying paddy to the godowns where it is lodged is too small, and far short of what they can earn in the service of the town, that when the Company laid in only a small quantity the difference to them was inconsiderable, and but a small part of their time and labour taken up ; but of late years it has been encreased so much as to be annually from two or three hundred garce whereby they are great sufferers in being taken off from other work by which their earnings would be greater, and they therefore intreat your honour &ca. to grant them some further allowance. The present rates are—Vizt.

	Fns.
From Middle Gate point to the godown near the school, for every garce ...	5
From the Gentue pagoda, or further in the Black Town to the same godown ...	7–40
From Middle Gate point to the grainary on the island	10
From the Gentue pagoda or further in the Black Town to the same	15

and having enquired of several persons what has been usually paid by them to these cooleys for carrying grain the like distances, we find by the nearest computation it was about half as much more than the above rates.

These cooleys further added, that it was the practice of the Company's cloth to be carried from the merchants' godown to the place where it is sorted and there measured ; whereas formerly it was measured in the same godown, and they had only the trouble of handing it from the pile, and they intreat the same may be taken into consideration, and some allowance be ordered for that extraordinary service.

After which they delivered us a list of several persons who were indebted to them for work done, for the recovery of which they have had the necessary assistance.

The bamboo cooleys were next called upon, who acquainted us that since the building of the inclosure on the island, great part of the Company's stores such as guns, anchors, grapnolds, cordage and the like have been lodged there, which had usually, been kept in the godowns in the White Town. The other being near three times the distance of the storehouse by the Sea Gate, they plead for your favour in some indulgence on that account, and they desired us further to represent that as their number is considerably reduced by the famines that have happened and other accidents, that none of them may be obliged to perform other work or be taken off the service particular to this set of people. They then informed us that Captain Pritchard had not fully paid them for carrying 240 timbers landed from his ship, they insisting on four fanams with, and he having paid them two. Upon enquiry into this affair we found that when four fanams had been allowed, they were obliged to lay them in one parcel near the Sea Gate, whereas they had in this instance made five parcels at different distances when

the timbers had been brought ashore from the ship, and consequently they had not half the trouble or labour, and therefore paid accordingly. This complaint therefore appears to us without reason, as is that of the head cooleys on the same account for some plank belonging to the said person.

Those employed in loading and unloading the boats desired us also to take notice that the Company's pay for one boat is no more than one fanam, twenty cash, whereas the town are according to the settled rates obliged to pay three fanams; this takes in the three sets, who are made use of according to the different sorts of goods, that are landed from the shipping and all joined in a request for a further allowance.

This is all that the several sets have by their heads reported to us as matter of grievance for which they had withdrawn from the place, on our demanding their reasons for such behaviour, they pleaded that it was the usual custom of the people of this country, and that they had no ill intention in it, and that it was their hopes by this to succeed the better by making their complaints in a body rather than by the representations of a few; which and the other matters herein contained are submitted to your consideration by, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants

Fort St. George, NICOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON.
23d November, 1741.

[December] 21. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a general letter of this date.

22. Sent by peons to Fort St. David a supply of Star pagodas and a general letter of this date.

Received by peons from Fort St. David a general letter of the 19th instant.

23. Arrived the Hon'ble Company's ship *Admiral Vernon*, Captain Benjamin Webster, from England without any packet for this place having parted with the *Scarborough*, Captain Westcott and *Kent*, Captain Robson, the 11th instant in the latitude of 15° 10′ N.

The Secretary ordered to demand Captain Webster's reasons in writing for coming here.

26. Sailed ship *Annapoorna*, Vencaty Putty, for Vizagapatam.

Arrived sloop *Vernon*, James Barton, from Bengall.

28. Arrived ship *Bon Voyage*, Caetano Fereira from Pegue; and they

29. Sailed for Pondicherry.

CONSULTATION, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1741.

Last Consultation read and signed.

General letter No. 124 from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David of the 19th instant read acknowledging the receipt of the money last sent them and acquainting us that their brokers offered that the Chemanaickpollam cloth should be re-sorted and taken in at a proportionable abatement. Agreed that it be taken in as ordinary if it will answer to any of the numbers of that sort.

Letter from Captain Webster of the *Admiral Vernon* dated the 26th instant read as entered hereafter giving us his reasons for coming to this port.

Randall Fowke, Sea Customer, reads that account for last month, Vizt.

Custom on goods	Pags.	3,686	3	4
Do. on grain	„	265	27	0
	„	3,951	30	4

ballance due from him nine thousand six hundred seventy eight pagodas seventeen fanams and forty eight cash (9,678–17–48) of which he pays in six thousand one hundred and two pagodas twenty nine fanams (6,102–29–0).

Nicolas Morse, Paymaster, reads that account for last month, vizt.

	P.	f.	c.
Charges garrison	2,176	35	78
Do. diet	583	12	0
Do. cattle	66	24	0
Do. extraordinary	170	17	60
Do. hospital	53	29	40
Fort Marlborough	16	30	0
Nabob's expences	1,473	34	61
Charges general	626	2	31
House moveables	4	18	0
Black Town wall	776	3	30
Repairs of fortifications	84	13	60
	6,033	5	40

ballance due to him one thousand and thirty three pagodas five fanams and forty cash (1,033–5–40) which is now paid him.

The particulars of the extraordinary expence in his account are entered hereafter.

Thomas Eyre, Land Customer, reads that account for last month, consisting of Choultry customs Pags. 366–29–69, ballance due from him three hundred fifty four pagodas three fanams and sixty nine cash (354–3–69) which he now pays in.

The Storekeeper acquaints the Board that according to order he had directed the Europe carpenter to sheath the sloop *Dolphin*, who as preparatory thereto had on Sunday last been (where she lay, which was near the bar) breaming her bottom, and that the said carpenter assured him he saw all the fire out before he left her; but in all likelyhood some spark was then concealed in one of her seems, for about eight at night she was observed from the town to be on fire, and though the gunner's people ran to the place where she was as soon as possible, before they could get the better of the fire she was so much burnt as to be incapable of any repair, and not fit for any thing but firewood. Ordered that she be sold where she lyes for the most she will fetch.

The petition of the two shroffs entered after Consultation of the 19th October, being now again read and the said shroffs called in to give their reasons why they should have a larger pay than the old shroffs, urged that while the country money was current, there was an opportunity of making a profit which amounted to considerably more than the pay; but however they confessed that opportunity had been made use of to an exceeding abuse, and which they should never have proposed to themselves nor thought of; but since the establishing of the new coin for the currency of the place it was not possible for them to make any profit or perquisite but what the Company should allow them for their pay. In which allowance they hoped the Board would consider the charge they were at for bags, wax, strings, conicoplys and other servants necessary for the more exact performance of their duty, which amounted to twelve or fourteen pagodas a month.

The whole of the shroffs' business being taken into consideration and the great trust reposed in them the Board agreed that it was proper that they should enter into bonds with sufficient security to the amount of five thousand pagodas to make good any loss which may ensue from any bad money or any short in tale in the bags which they seal, and in consideration of their giving such security and the trouble and expence they are at, the Board thought it but a moderate and reasonable allowance to pay them twenty (20) pagodas each per month and that the same be paid them out of the mint and charged monthly in that account.

Agreed also that in consideration of the charge they have been at since the establishing of the new coin, and that they have had no pay or other allowance for their trouble, one hundred and twenty (120) pagodas be paid them out of cash and charged to rents and revenues.

The Company's merchants having in Consultation the 7th instant when they paid in money on account of the ballance due from them requested some of the ordinary red and green broad cloth received this year to mix with the auroras of former year's, and being then answered by the Board that it was an affair of which they must consider. The Company having in their last letter recommended to us the sale of all the broad cloth at outcry, the said merchants attending this day, desired to be called in and being admitted Telesinga Chitty and Nellamoota Comrapa Chitty delivered us a petition on their part as entered hereafter, and there being an insinuation therein that the Board had entered into an absolute contract with them to sell them a part of the broad cloth annually. The Consultation of the 21st August 1739 was called for; out of which it was remarked to them that though it was included in their proposals as one means to discharge the debt due from Tomby Chitty and his partners, yet that we do not find the board obliged themselves to any thing certain except to deliver them two hundred bales the April following. To which they replied, that however we explained it, their proposal and the hopes they had of discharging the debt stood just the same as in August 1739; that they had no interest themselves in this affair; but purely a regard to their relations for whose sake it was they took upon themselves this trouble. That they had hitherto as far as was in their power, partly by the profit on the broad cloth, partly by the small allowances we have made them for brokerage, and partly by recovering some of the old debts from the weavers (which they have had an opportunity to do by continuing to employ them) been able to pay the sum which Tomby Chitty and his partners had agreed to pay the Company annually. That they beleived they sold the broad cloth as well if not better than it would sell for at outcry, and that the Company had in effect the full price it sold for, in as much as that the profit was applied towards paying their relation's debt. But if the Company should withdraw this indulgence before the debt was cleared they were sure their relations would not be able to make such large annual payments, at least they would not undertake it for them, which we knew they had done for these two years past and which they submitted to our consideration.

Molinga Kistna and Ponnapa Chitty were next heard, who said that indeed they were in want of some ordinary reds and greens to mix with the auroras, but otherwise their complaint at present of the intention to sell the broad cloth received and what was expected this year, at outcry was not so much that they wanted any quantity (except reds and greens) for present sale, (having upwards of four hundred bales of auroras remaining of former years) as that they apprehended a sale of any other quantity at outcry would so greatly affect the sale of theirs, that they doubted whether they should be any gainers by it; and if they were not and at the same time were deprived of all hopes of profit by any future parcels which might arrive, it would entirely cut off their hopes of being able to discharge their debt to the Company. The ballances due to them from the weavers in the country being very large, and they had a great deal of reason to fear most of them by the troubles which had happened there and other accidents were become irrecoverable, and therefore they must join with the other merchants in desiring us to interceed with the Company that this indulgence of the broad cloth may be continued to them, till such time as their debts were cleared or otherwise that the ruin of themselves and families was inevitable.

Molinga Kistna and Ponnapa Chitty together with the other merchants went on to say that though they might be suspected to be biassed by their own interests, yet they would take upon them to assure us that broad cloth was a commodity, the consumption of which was no ways to be forced. That the sale of it depended upon the Canaree merchants coming hither which was at different times of the year, to whom they had sold three parts in four, of what they had disposed of for some years past. That they were well acquainted with the consequence of the broad cloth's being dispersed in different hands, having been sensible of the effects of it by the want of a proper agreement among themselves, the price being considerably fallen without encreasing the consumption. The case had indeed been mended for some time past by the interposition of the Governour, and therefore

they only mentioned it as an instance of what might probably happen again, if it fell into many hands, which it was very likely it would do if put up at outcry. However they would not go so far as to say but what it might sometimes fetch more at the gate than what they gave the Company. For in a trading town there are many people fond of new things, and perhaps the first year that might be the case, but when the whole quantity was dispersed among different buyers, and that whole was more than the demand from the country, the buyers would be lowering the price one upon another in order to clear their hands of it, and that would have a very bad effect upon the next sale.

After this the merchants withdrew, that the Board might debate the matter with more freedom. But the Import Warehousekeeper acquainting the Board, that we have received this year but fifty bales of aurora, fifty of red and forty of green, and it is not likely we shall receive any more till next year when we expect only an hundred bales of red and an hundred of green, which was indented for purposely for our merchants to mix with the aurora which they would probably have remaining on hand, the Board were of opinion that if the 31st para of our Honourable Master's letter of the 3rd February last had contained a more express order for selling the broad cloth at outcry, they would in the present circumstances excuse our taking upon us to dispense it for the following reasons.

First, for those alledged by the merchants and that our principal dependance is upon the broad cloth to extricate them out of their present difficulties and to enable them to clear their ballances.

Secondly, that the quantity received this year is but very small, and if it were not for the foregoing reason, yet the detriment to the merchants by selling it at outcry when they have so large a quantity remaining still on hand would be very great and the quantity to be sold is too small to form any judgement whether a sale by outcry is the best method, besides it would deprive them of the use they propose to make of the ordinary reds and greens, which is to put off a large proportion of the aurora.

For these reasons the Board agreed to let the merchants have the hundred and forty bales of broad cloth received this year by the *King William*. But concerning the price the Board had first recourse to the 25th paragraph of the said letter of the 3rd February last wherein it is said that the broad cloth this year is not only cheaper but better by five per cent, than what sent of late years; upon which the merchants were called in again and acquainted therewith, who replied that if there was any difference in the goodness they had not observed it, and were sure it was so little, that it would not give them any pretence to expect a higher price from the country buyers. Then being withdrawn the Board compared the invoice of that received this year with what received last year and found that the difference was but twelve pounds upon four thousand two hundred which being so small a matter it was agreed to take no further notice of it to the merchants, least they should make use of it as a pretence to wrangle with us hereafter if any future quantity should be sold them by invoice and should be higher prized than that received this year. Then the merchants being called in again were acquainted that we had agreed to let them have the broad cloth received this year upon the usual terms and that we would write the Company and request the indulgence of the broad cloth might be continued to them as a compensation for their losses in the country.

The work in the Accountant's office falling heavy upon the gentlemen who are there at present, two of whom have other employs, the President proposed to the Board to entertain Mr. Noah Cassamajor, not only to assist in the office as being a good accountant, but also as understanding the Dutch and French languages, he the President, having been much put to it in his correspondence with those nations since the death of Mr. Torriano and the removal of Mr. Hallyburton to Maddepollam.

Agreed that the said Mr. Cassamajor be entertained as an assistant at ten (10) pagodas per month.

The President acquaints the Board that the 29th past in the morning he sent the presents intended for the Nabob's lady and Sahib Judda, and in the afternoon went himself to make his compliments to the Nabob's mother and his lady at their houses, and now delivers in an account of the cost, and the charges attending the same, as also the cost of the present to Imaum Sahib's children which the Paymaster is ordered to pay and enter the same with the rest of the Nabob's charges.

RANDALL FOWKE—NICHOLAS MORSE—WILLIAM MONSON—THOMAS EYRE—
EDWARD HARRIS—WILLIAM JOHNSON.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Whereas your Secretary by your orders has demanded my reasons for coming here not having a packet for this place in complyance with which I beg leave to acquaint your honours that I have had a tedious passage from England and no likelyhood of arriving at Bengall my consigned port in time to be dispatched for Europe this season, having lately met with obstructions by southerly currents and fluttering winds my people falling down daily in the scurvy are the reasons for my coming here for refreshment. I am with the greatest respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

Fort St. George,
26th December, 1741.

BENJAMIN WEBSTER.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble petition of Tellesinga Chitty and Mootah Comrapah Chitty merchants for the Hon'ble Company,
Sheweth,

That this Hon'ble Board was pleased to send for your petitioners and acquaint them that the Company had been disappointed in their trade by the merchants then employed who seemed altogether incapable of managing such a trust. Whereupon you desired us out of kindness to them to take the business upon ourselves. Your petitioners replied, that the said merchants had been concerned for the Company these forty years, and had suffered considerably, and were much reduced. But if this Honourable Board would grant your petitioners the broad cloth, and use them favourably, they would do their best endeavours for the service of the Company, and that by this means the ballance due from the said merchants to the Company might be paid in a limited time.

This proposal was accepted by this Hon'ble Board, and your petitioners have had the broad cloth for these two years past, and the said debt according to agreement has been regularly paid hitherto.

When your petitioners desired the same might be continued, this Honourable Board made answer that the Company had given orders to sell the broad cloth at outcry. Your petitioners beg leave to say that in such circumstances they cannot carry on the business, and the late merchants cannot clear their debt at the limited time.

This Hon'ble Board is sufficiently acquainted with the reason hereof and stand in no need of the information of your petitioners. Your petitioners rely on your favour. They have taken all the care they possibly could, and hope they have your approbation in what they have done. They most humbly entreat this Hon'ble Board to take their case and that of the late merchants' into serious consideration,—the long time they have served the Company, the payment of the ballances at the time limited, their present low circumstances, the means of restoring them to a flourishing condition,—and grant your petitioners the broad cloth as hitherto.

This favour as it will be highly acceptable to your servants, so will redound to the honour and advantage of the Company.

And your petitioners as in duty bound &ca.

LIST OF SUNDRIES PRESENTED.

The Nabob's Lady and Sahib Judda.

			P.	f.	c.
Gold flowered carpets	2		100	0	0
Fine mullmulls	6	pieces	36	0	0
Fine doreas	6	,,	30	0	0
Fine charconnas	6	,,	30	0	0
Fine jamdanies	6	,,	30	0	0
Fine muckmally pelongs	5	,,	30	0	0
Fine muckmally mutuchure	5	,,	15	0	0
Fine gold atlass	2	,,	120	0	0
Fine Persia jeerbobs	2	,,	95	0	0
Two looking glasses trimed with silver			0	0	0
An otterdanny with its plate		132⅞ Re : Wt.			
Two rose water bottles with their plates		144 4/8			
		277⅜			
Fashion ...		277⅜			
	554	12 0	165	8	0
Sugar	6	loaves	7	0	0
Sugar candy	1	maund	1	12	48
Dry dates	1	,,	1	0	0
Almonds	1	,,	1	3	48
Pistachoes	1	,,	7	0	0
Raisins	1	,,	1	0	0
Preserved oranges	1	tub	3	0	0
Rose water	1	chest	8	0	0
			680	24	16

Gave the servants who brought a dinner from the Nabob's lady.	Rs. 50				
Gave the servants when the Governour went to her house	,, 200				
Gave the servants at the Nabob's mother's house ...	,, 100				
Rs. ...	350 or		104	14	35
			785	2	51

Imaum Sahib's children

Kishmishes	½	maund	0	18	0			
Sugar candy	½	,,	0	24	24			
Almonds	½	,,	0	19	64			
Pistachoes	½	,,	3	13	0			
Dry dates	½	,,	0	18	0			
Sugar	3	loaves	3	18	0			
Preserved oranges	1	tub	3	0	0			
Rose water	½	chest	4	0	0			
Silk carpets	1		20	0	0			
Fine mullmulls	2	pieces	12	0	0			
Fine doreas	2	,,	10	0	0			
Fine charconnas	2	,,	10	0	0			
Fine jamdanies	2	,,	10	0	0			
Fine muckmally pelongs ...	2	,,	12	0	0			
Fine muckmally mutuchure ...	3	,,	9	0	0			
Fine bettelas	3	,,	30	0	0			
Stiched coverlets	1	pair		0	0			
						135	8	8
Pags. ...						920	10	59

THE PARTICULARS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCE IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR NOVEMBER 1741, ARISE AS FOLLOW :—

Fort Marlborough—		
Allowance to Rajah Cooladeen and servants ...	10 0 0	
Dieting 6 Coffreys	6 30 0	
		16 30 0
Charges general—		
Batta abroad and at home		43 19 65
Charges extraordinary—		
Dieting choultry prisoners	1 24 40	
Dieting a lunatick soldier	2 0 0	
House-rent for Mr. Wynch	7 0 0	
Allowance to Mr. Ackman's child	2 0 0	
Gave a peon bringing a letter from Tritchanopoly	3 0 0	
Do. from Arcot ...	0 12 0	
Gave Imaum Sahib's servant bringing a present from Metchlepatam	6 1 20	
Allowance to Mr. Jones, monthly writer from the 15th August at Pags. 10 per mouth	35 0 0	
Allowance to Mr. Golightly, monthly writer from the 1st. September at Pags. 10 per month	30 0 0	
Batta to 100 of the Peddanaigue's peons	83 12 0	
		170 17 60
House moveables—		
Making a desk for the choultry		4 18 0
Nabob's expences—		
Paid them as per account particulars		1,473 34 61
Black Town wall—		
Materials used and workmen employed as per account particulars ...		776 3 30
Repairs of fortifications—		
Materials used and workmen employed as per account particulars ...		84 13 60
Pags. ...		2,569 29 36

[Dec.] 30. Arrived ship *Vizagapatam*, Coronadas Guddee from Vizagapatam with general letters from thence of the 14th and 19th instant, and Messrs. Charles Savage Norris, factor and Mr. Charles Bourchier, writer, passengers, who had been put on shoar there from the *Kent.* By her received also a letter from Capt. Robson of the *Kent* of the 16th instant.

Arrived brigantine *Essex*, William Durham, from Ingeram and *Neptune*, Guddee syrang, from Vizagapatam. On the first received some Company's cloth and a general letter of the 24th instant.

CONSULTATION, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1741.

General letters read vizt.

Nos. 125 and 126, both from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam, the first dated the 14th instant in reply to the 49th paragraph of the general letter from England to this place dated the 6th February 1740 requesting us to recommend to the notice of our Hon'ble masters the making some allowance for the entertainment of strangers there, inclosing invoice and bill of lading for an hundred bales of cloth sent us on the *Vizagapatam*, advising that their fortifications had sustained much damage from the rains ; inclosing also their cash and Paymaster's accounts for September, October and November, and indents for wares and stores wanting there. The other dated the 19th December advising of the arrival there of the

Scarborough and *Kent* and what they had done on that occasion, desiring directions how to act on a like accident in future and inclosing a list of the Company's ships arrived at and sailed from the Cape and an account of the cloth brought in by and advances made to their merchants to the last of November.

No. 127, from Mr. Prince at Ingeram of the 27th instant, accompanying one hundred thirty three bales of calicoes on the *Essex* brigantine, and inclosing the books of that Residency for last year, with an account of advances made to, and cloth brought in by the merchants to the last of November.

No. 128-A, letter from Captain Robson of the *Kent* dated the 16th instant from Vizagapatam read, advising his arrival there in company with the *Scarbro'* and that the weakly condition of those ships had obliged them to carry the military intended for this place on to the Bay.

The President having received from the Captains of the *Scarborough* and *Kent* copies of their respective bills of lading, lays the same before the Board, in consequence of which the Secretary is ordered to ask Capt. Webster for a copy of his. Also that by comparing it with the others, we may see if we can supply ourselves out of his ship with some of the stores we are disappointed of by the others, and that we are more immediately in want of, as well as what to write to the Bay about them.

As the supply of treasure the gentlemen in the Bay would receive by these ships would have been in a greater proportion of bullion than they have desired, and we may be in want of silver, to supply our cash, it is agreed to order this ship's treasure on shoar and to send to the Bay in its stead all the Madrass and Arcot rupees we have ready.

Agreed that Messrs. Morse and Monson be a committee to receive the said treasure from Captain when it comes ashoar and report the quantity and weight thereof to the Board.

Ram Chundra and Gaunapa Moodelaire, farmers of the arrack and wine licence, pay in three hundred thirty five (335) pagodas for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

Trivitee Sashachilum and Subramony Chitty, beetle and tobacco farmers, pay in eight hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams (833-12-0) for one month's rent due the 5th instant.

The President reads the mint account current for last month, ballance remaining in the mint being doodoes forty thousand five hundred and twelve, (40,512) rupees fifteen thousand sixty four and eight annas (15,064-8-0), Madrass pagodas twelve thousand one hundred eighty five (12,185) and current or Star pagodas thirty, and nine fanams, (30-9-0) which is carried forward.

The Accountant reads the journal parcels for the month of October.

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